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EEC budget dispute near solution despite financial risk

impromise in the dispute over size of Britain's EEC budget ibution appeared likely as s of government of the Nine ould be based on a French financial crisis.

proposal to pay the British contribution at the 1979 level of about £520m for three years, about half the estimate for this year. in Luxembourg yesterday. despite fears of precipitating a

Plan to peg British payments

s compromise in the dis-ver the size of Britain's ution to the EEC budget y began their spring meeting here today. But ioing they risked plung-Community into a new

al crisis. Thatcher and her EEC nes were reported to be ing a French proposal yould involve pegging 's net contribution to the at the 1979 level of £520m for three years, review of the situation end of the third year, would compare with the stribution of more than which Britain would to pay this year as things and thus imply a reducslightly less than £600m. wember, in Dublin, Mrs r demanded a reduction

sources expressed in the proposal, but at the envisaged level of ition was still too high. was also some doubt the French were prothat Britain's contribupuld be held at exactly te level as in 1979, or or inflation.

sources made clear settlement on the would be dependent on ement by EEC agricul-nisters, who were hold

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MP at

ich march

n had gradually but

seen the emergence of

d police along the lines French riot police, Mr Meacher, Labour MP

ram West, told a gather-Prafalgar Square yester-

ld to commemorate the

i Mr Blair Peach a year

Aeacher said the rise

Special Patrol Group in niry was a trend which ring up class confronts-

fomenting race hatred.

has happened secretly

i-democratically, with no Parliament and no pub-

ultation on the matter.

agent of the Tories, in-policy."

speakers at the Tra-Square rally repeated acher's call for the dis-

ally was preceded by a from Hyde Park, in he organizers estimated

people took part, and d Yard 3,500. The police

hat it was peaceful tration with only five ads arrested in Park

and one further arrest

mion banners. teir banners, most of the

trators seemed to come

ar-left political groups st prommently displayed I Trafalgar Square were of Cardiff-International

(Marxist-Leninist).

Ig the march, letters callthe disbanding of the
Patrol Group, demandknow who was respon-

r Mr Peach's death, were in at New Scotland he Home Office, and No.

nother large demonstra-London yesterday rival of Muslim students in Hyde Park Police

overnment in executing

illy from Hyde Park to

n attacked: Mr Martin

T, National Front activi-ganizer got a black eye a rally at Corby, North-

elgar Square.

bove the level proposed by the that limit, would be breached by the proposed form price president Giscard d'Estaing settlement because of heavy overruns this year in the male bourg, April 27
President Giscard d'Estaing is of government of the was also understood to be inappeared to be moving sisting that France must have guarantees of protection for its sheep formers, against chean British lamb-imports. This would entail maintaining market prices for lumb above

minimal levels at the expense of Community taxpayers and consumers. Signor Giovanni Marcora, the Italian Agriculture Minister and chairman of the meeting, was seeking support for an average 4.5 per cent increase in farm prices, including increases of 3.6 per cent even for products such as milk, sugar and beef,

which at present are being heavily overproduced. Although still formally de-ending the long-standing fending the long-standing British demand for a price freeze on surplus products, and no more than 2.4 per cent on average for other produce. Mr Peter Walker, the British Minister of Agriculture, was expected to soften this stance, on instructions from Mrs Thatcher, if a satisfactory budget deal, was offered.

The West Germans, however, produced figures purporting to show that the EEC simply could not finance the kind of budget and farm price deal en-visaged within the existing limit on Community revenue. The only expandable element is value added tax, which for Community purposes cannot be levied at a rate of more than

with Cuba flight

rol group Bogotá siege ends

tion of the embassy.

officials.

The 15 guerrillas, members of the M-19 group, flew to Havana after agreeing terms

with Colombian Government

They were holding 16 diplomats as hostages in Bogota, and at least 11 of them went on the flight to Cuba.

Among them was Mr Diego Asencio, the United States Ambassador to Colombia, who

was flown on to Florida shrotly after his arrival in Havana.

Mr. Asencio said at Havaua:

"After the initial 72 hours,
which was a very difficult and
dangerous period, I was treated

Sector, thus leaving no money with which to finance the extra Community expenditure in British that would be needed to reduce the British budget deficit

deficit. The only qualification, the Germans offered of this gloomy prognosis was the possibility that the agriculture ministers might agree to accept a punitive tax on surplus milk production, but this was generally considered to be out of the

question European Commission officials shared the German alarm, though they took a slightly more sanguine view of the state of the EEC's resources. They calculated that the propos farm price settlement would still leave more than £1,000m of revenue this year out of which to finance a reduction in Eritain's contribution.

Commission officials agreed, however, that even on the most optimistic forecasts revenue would run out next year and face the Community with a new crisis. It has been a cardinal principle of all discussion by member states of the budget dispute so for that any settlement must be contained within the 1 per cent VAT limit.

At ceiting on Britain's net contribution of the kind proposed by France would have

posed by France would have the advantage of isolating Britain from the purely budget per cent. ary consequences of a high farm. According to the Germans, price settlement.

before boarding the flight to

they stormed the embassy dur-

ing a reception. Fort-two of the bestages were later released.

Diplomats said that the breakthrough in the embassy siege came yesterday when the

guerrillas agreed to drop de-mands for the release of their

jailed comrades. The guerrillas:

accepted government guaran-tees that the trial of about 200

suspected M-19 members would be supervised by the Inter-American Human Rights Com-

mission.—Reuter.

They originally seized 58 hostages on February 27 when

chance of saving themselves.

He added: "Either these people return to the Jamahiriyah (republic) or they are doomed wherever they might be. Let all be warned. And those who do not take heed of this warning have only themselves to blame."

The first of the three Libyans to die was Mr Muhammad Ramadan, a journalist, who was shot as he left the Central Havana, April 27.—The very correctly, very amiably, guerfills: Whip accupied the pominican Republic Embassy in Bogota arrived to applause at Havana airport today after the initial period. The guerrillas are thought to ending their two month accupate.

shot as he left the Central Mosque: in Regent's Park on Friday April 11. He was apparently warned three days earlier that he was a likely target for

who was shot dead at his office in Kensington last Friday



Firemen fighting a blaze on a ship converted to a public house on the Thames in London yesterday. Report, page 4.

'Return or die' warning to Libyans in exile

By Michael Knipe Colonel Gadafi, the Libyan leader has issued a "final warning" to what he called the survivors of the pravious re-gine living abroad to return home immediately or "be liquidated "...

.The inference is that Libya's revolutionary authorities are accepting responsibility for the killing of three Libyan exiles in Europe in the past two weeks. Two of the assassinations occurred in London and one in Rome.

Addressing caders at a military academy in Tripoli, Colonel Gaddafi said thet the Libyans abroad should go immediately to Libyan People's Burezux (diplomatic missions) which would facilitate their return home as the final and only chance of saving themselves."

that he was a likely target for an Arab assassination squad. Eight days later Mr Abdul Geli Aref, a businessman was shot while sitting in a cofe in Rome and died in hospital.

The third victim was Mr Mahmoud Abbu Nafa, a lawyer,

The shootings toincide with a widespread campaign in Libya in which a significant but undetermined number of promi-nent figures bave been taken from their jobs and put before revolutionary tribunals accused of corruption.

Shocked US reporters see ayatollah pick through packaged bodies Iran puts Americans' burnt remains on show

From Tony Allaway Tehran, April 27

The behaviour of an Iranian clergymen in the full glare of American television cameras tonight looked likely to set the

Irao crisis on an even more critical path. Ayatoliah Sadeq Khalkhalir a religious judge renowned for the pride he took in ordering more than 300 revolutionary executions, picked his way piece by piece through the charred remains of Americans killed in. Friday's abortive rescue

mission. Newspaper journalists were: barred from the extraordinary spectacle inside the occupied United States Embassy in centrol Tehran, but news agency and aslevision reporters, who were allowed in, emerged with distinct sense of shock.

"It was the most gruesome thing I have ever witnessed", a reported for one of America's leading television networks said, it put anything I witnessed in Vietnam to shame."

in Viennam to shame."
At several points the avatolish was said to have been giggling and spickering as he worked his way methodically through nine cloth and plustic packages of the bodies. The Americaus are said to have died in a fire after an aircraft and a helicopter collided in the Iranian desert on Friday.

Helped by some of the student militants holding the American hostages and by Reviutionary Guards, the aya-

Mission failure details Oman links denied Protection for Gulf embassy

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toliah plucked out charred pieces of the bodies to show to tthe reporters. At one point he uncovered a

rib cake, almost stripped of flesh. A Revolutionary Guard used a penknifa to pluck a jaw bone from another package.

Then Ayarollah Khalkhali reached in with the penknifa to bring out -a -blackened shape that he said was an arm. Supporting his opinion was a watch

around the object.
Clutching a red handkerchief to his mose to ward off the stench o fine bodies, the systol-lah then produced a charted object which he pronounced to

Claiming that there were nine bodies instead of the eight servicemen. President Carter says were killed in the of Iran's unsuccessful mission, the view beer cyatollah declared. This is a lar amon skull. There are nine heads. Iranians. Maybe Mr Carter will say some Of the

Americans have two heads."

At least one of the three main American networks filming in Tehran said it would be giving considerable coverage to the event in its evening news pro-gramme. All the American cor-

replays of the spectacle predicted that it would have a shattering effect on American

public opinion. Ayatolish Tchalkhali, who had flown with the bodies from the desert spot 258 miles south-east of Tehran where the Americans landed, was asked why he bad shown the bodies in this manner.

He replied: "The action of the American authorities led to the destruction of these people. We brought them here so that you could see the result of Carter's move. These are the documents of the crimes of America ".

As he spoke, a Revolutionary Guard once more dug into the carcasses with the penknife, thistime bringing out a metal nametag bearing the name Lyn Davis. The tag indicated that Davis was a Baptist.

Brendishing aeria! photographs allegedly found among the wreckage in the desert, the systolish also claumed that the Americans were not only plot-ting the rescue of the hostages of Iran's Islamic republic—a view becoming increasing popular among the ever-suspicious

Of the 14 landing points in Tehran, he said, one was ayatollah Khomeini's house, which they intended to destroy. They wanted to destroy Tehran. If Sod had not come to the nation's help, the Islamic republic itself would

for his verbal flights of fancy, said there were 30 more American bodies in the desert "in

powdered form". He said that the crash be-tween the aircraft and the helicopter was stage-managed so that the Americans could destroy their wounded rather than have them fall into Iranian hands. "The aircraft and the helicopter were destroyed by rocket fire, this is what we believe", he said.

Asked what would happen to the bodies, the ayatokah said that they would not be handed to the American Government. Carter could not manage an hotel," he added.

They would be given either to American Roman Catholics, or the Pope, or Graek Arch-bishop Hilarion Capucci, a friend of the Iranian regime. The ayatollah also showed the

burnt remains of other equip-ment found in the desert including armaments and stickers of transact aircraft markings, which it is claimed the Americans planned to put on their Relicopters.

Some reports said that Ayatollah Khalkhali had also brought back seven million rials in Iranian currency and documents showing the flight itinerary, found in one of the five helicopters left behind by the Americans. But he did not display these at the embassy. Earlier today the militant

EEC envoys return to Teheran but deadline stands

European summit had met to prepare for the Itan crisis to be discussed by heads of govern-

week will continue. Never that the summit would show Luxembourg, April 27

theless, there is an indication complete solidarity with the
The British Ambassader to that the contacts between Americans. Tehran and other ambassadors washington and the EEC are of the Nine will be back in now much closer, and that the post tomorrow, it was stated in EEC foreign ministers have luxembourg today after the advised that diplomacy in foreign ministers attending the Tehran should be given a chance to get the hostages to safety. But the deadline remains:
May 17 for the release of the

The broad two-phase diplo- are not to be applied.

matic and economic sanctions President Giscard d'Estaing against Iran agreed here last commented as he arrived today

hostages if Community sauctions,

For their part, the British are fully accepting the American limited rescue attempt and re-sort to military attack. There is a clear determination that the Nine should stand firm with the United States, although nobody denies that the economic cost

may be incalculable. After dinger tonight, Lord istration will Carrington, the Foreign Secre consultation

against calling a Western sum-mit with President Carter present, on the argument that summit meetings raised expectations and could be counterproductive unless diplomatic preparation had ensured a useful agreed outcome.

Nevertheless, the British Government was willing to discuss the calling of a summit, and obviously the American Admin-istration will be brought into

Dispute stops local papers and for a full public into the death of Mr during an anti-National iemonstration in South-

No morning provincial newspapers were published in England, Wales and Northern Ireland today because of a dispute involving about 250,000 members of the National Graphical Association. Many of the 4,000 companies employing printers, general firms and newspaper publishers, are retalizing for the five week campaign of industrial action by the NGA. The union is threatening to increase disruption of national newspapers that have interests in the Page 2 provincial press.

agar Square. Sydney Bidwell, Labour Baling, Southall, and y other MP apart from acher to take part in rch and rally, said that disappointed that there to the Labour Party and mion banners.

Gang warfare kills 9

The army has been called into central Kingston, Jamaica, to help control political gang warfare which has already claimed nine lives. There are fears that the violence may intensify before the lare supporter electrons. late summer elections

More Cubans flee

The number of refugees fleeing to the United States from Cuba increased despite heavy seas threatening small boats in the Florida Strait. The total number of Cuban refugees now in Florida is estimated at 3,000 Page 5

Group and the Revolu-Communist Party of (Marxist-Leninist).

Narrow Kennedy win Even after Senator Kennedy's narrow victory in the Michigan caucuses, political experts are assuming that President Carter will take the Democratic nomination for the presidential elections—but that he must also win Mr.

Baghdad denies report of President's death

Iran announced that President Saddam Rosain of Iraq had been shot dead by Islamic fundamentalists. Denying the report, the Iraqis accused Tehran of wishful thinking. Mr Hussin, they said, was in perfect health and entertaining a visiting president Page 6

Cash for games plea

Mr Denis Howell, the former minister for sport, told a rally in: Birmingham that Labour Party members should donate cash to assist British athletes who go to the Moscow Olympics Page 2

Grammar schools threat The fate of the grammar school in most marginal metropolitan districts binges on the results of

the local government elections on Thursday. In all but one area there is expected to be a strong swing towards Labour

Mr Begin rebukes US

Mr Begio, the Israeli Prime Minister, has expressed assponishment and regret that the United States did not use its United Nations veto to prevent the Security Council from condemning Israeli actions in Lebanon . 245-T ban urged: Minister of Agriculture is being urged by a farmworker to ban a weed-killer which contains dioxin 2

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the initial scuffles,
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Tenerife disaster jet's recorder found

Tenerife, April 27

The cockpit voice recorder of

clue as to why the pilot did not follow the laid down approach:

Mr Gordon Matthew, who is assisting the Spanish investigators with a seven-man team including dentists, pathologists, and an engineer from the Department of Trade's Actidents Investigation Branch, said This box is usually one of the greatest contributory factors to the ease of an investi-

gation.

He said there were a number of possible causes for the crash which were being studied; but he refused to say what they were. The investigation was not sufficiently advanced for reasonable conjecture, he said. reasonable conjecture, he said.

The crash inight have been averted had the airport been equipped with radar, Captain Rebert Arkins; the airline's flight operations director and chief prior, said today.

With radar, it would have been possible for ground control to tell the pilot be was off course and heading for mountains.

The airport, Los Rodeos, in: the north of Tenerife, has only radio beacons to help guide air-

ever, that the lack of precision lend support to that viewpoint, radar was a serious difficulty. It would seem that the pilot

Coptain Arkdins said that Dan. some of the seven big air Air, which flies about 1.500 crashes which have occurred at people a week to the island, the airport since 1941, including decided before the crash to the world's worst aviation. switch some of its flights to the

new airport, Bur it was intended to continue using Los Rodeos. The island's Governor, Senor The corkpit voice recorder of the Dan-Air Beeing 727 which crashed in Tenerite on Friday, killing all 146 people on board, was found today.

It is likely to provide a steal It is likely to provide a vital the latter unusable. Both airports were completely safe, he

> what was the worst disaster involving a British plane. Cap-tain Atkins dismissed rumours that the plane was instructed at the last minute to head for the airport in the south.
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> Nor, as had been thought earlier, had there been a "Mayday" call in the last minutes after the plane's final contact with air traffic control at 13 19 and before it was due

at 13.19, and before it was due to land at 13,30. Captain Atkins said the pilot was experienced, with 14,000 flying hours, and had flown to the island many times, his pre-vious flight being in January. Before joining-Den-Air in 1971, he had flown with the Royal

Navy.

The flight's data recorder has been found within the airraft tail section, one of the largest pieces of the wreckage,

"At this stage it is too early to say whether the undercarriage was up or down but we do know there was no change in flight plan," Captain Atkins said Atkins said.
The site of the crash, which

craft. There is no way that an: 'The sire of the crash, which air traffic controller can alert: indicates the aircraft was a pilot if he misjudges his positravelling in a northerly direccaptain Atkins denied how towards Los Rodeos, seems to There was radam for the Canary completed a loop which he was Islands as a whole, although intending to do before coming that could not detect an circular in to land, but did it over the once it flew behind mountains. land instead of over the sea.

"In our view, the airport is alt is said that radar equipment of the said that radar equipment is all the said that radar equipment of the said that

Investigators today were to nearer determining the cause of **Eminently Suitable** A pinstriped DAKS suit with a silk shirt and silk tie-an eminently suitable combination for business and more formal occasions. Suit in Merino Extraine wool with centre year, £260. Shirt (39 Tic (950. 195 inicronaverage diameter er finer Open until 7.00 p.m. Thursdays, 5.30 p.m. Saffarday Continued on page 2, col 5

shire, on Saturday. Fifty were arrested (the Press ttion reports). A counterstration was staged. Peach inquest, page 2

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AUEW plan for Labour reforms urges non-elitist executive and local control of party funds

Py Donald Macintyre Labour Reporter

The bulk of Labour Party funds would pass from the control of the National Executive Committee into the hands of constituency organizations under a far-reaching plan drawn up by leaders of the Amalgama-study groups producing endless Union of Engineering

The plan, which suggests a new composition for the NEC, proposes that unions should pay heir affiliation fees through jacal branches to constituency parties instead of centrally to party headquarters.

The suggestions are contained in a seven-page document approved by the union's executive. It will not be made public until it is released to the 52 members of the union's policymaking national committee.

The committee will probably debate it in Blackpool tomorrow, two days before it is due to be addressed by Mr James Callaghan, the party leader. Assuming the document is approved by the right-wing dominated committee, it will form the basis of the union's evidence to the Labour Party mmission of inquiry and reso lutions seeking to commit the union's party conference dele-cation to the left-wing line on the three central issues which divided the 1979 party con-

ference will fall. The executive of the AUEW, which with 1,200,000 members is Britain's second biggest union, opposes changes in the method of electing the party leader, mandatory reselection of MPs by party general management committees and management committees on NEC-drafted manifesto.

The role of the union at last year's party conference was critical when it voted against the first change and for the two latter ones.

What is unexpected, however, is the extent to which the union calls for a "surgical operation" to end the "elitist" tructure and rebuild a party of mass membership through

Proposals for reforming elec-tions to the TUC General Coun-

cil which are opposed by the

Transport and General Workers'

Union (TGWU) were shelved

for the time being at a meeting

The day-long meeting of the

finance and general purposes committee, could not reach

could mean general secretaries

of small unions losing their

seats in favour of wider repre-

sentation for the larger unions.

asked for alternative proposals

to be drawn up by TUC staff

and put before a later meeting of the committee. The ques-

tion on the general council has

Mr Howell seeks

to support games

Mr Denis Howell, shadow

sports minister, yesterday called on the Labour movement

to provide the funds to assist Eritish athletes still going to the Olympic Games in Moscow. It was not a clarion call that will be trumpeted by all his

colleagues. There was a strong

indication last night that the

party's National Executive Committee, which approves of the games, would not lead it

Mr Norman Atkinson, the

party treasurer, said he did not see how the NEC could back

such an appeal, particularly at

a time of financial stringency.

eral council had endorsed the appeal. He told a May Day

rally in Birmingham that there

must be collections in every

place of work over the next two weeks to provide the "des-perately needed" money. "It will be unforgivable if some western leaders and sports

administrators succeed in destroying the Olympic Games without securing peace in Afghanistan. If that happens their shame will be endless.

"After the avente of this

week let us hope they have

earnt the lesson that unques-

tioning loyalty to your friends

a new type of dry dock at

Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria for

renovating and decommission-

ing nuclear submarines have

run into difficulties over safety

issues. The local authorities in

the area have asked the Atomic

Energy Authority for an assess-

The Ministry's scheme involves liftin gsubmarines out of

the water and connecting high-

pressure hoses to the cooling

circuits of the power reactors. But the normal assessment of

public safety made by local

authorities for such a proposal are not available to the plan-ning committees of Barrow-in-

Furness and Cumbria County

As with all Crown property

developments, the project is not

subject to licensing by the

Factory Inspectorate, or the

provisions of the environmental

protection laws. Yet the trans-

ment of the nuclear hazards.

After the events of this

Mr Howell said the TUC gen-

tion of women's repres

also to be resolved.

Labour cash

By Micheel Hatfield

Political Reporter

any endorsement.

for the party.

Science Editor

Instead the union leaders

"inner cabinet", the

By Our Labour Staff

in London yesterday.

local organizations".

The union leaders say the party is faced with the alternaof being a small one which concentrates on policy with a massive structure of committees, sub-committees and amounts of paper and state-ments", or being a " mass party of the workers in which millions can participate".

The document adds: "We believe we should pursue this

To that end it suggests constituency affiliation so that the union political levy can be used to provide "many more welltrained well-equipped organizers throughout Britain constantly developing party membership and participation amongst the millions of trade union members and party sup-

It comments that the party, facing a deficit of nearly £1.5m by the end of next year, has only 69 full-time agents com-pared with 300 in 1950.

The main proposal is that after paying their affiliation fees unions would be allowed send an agreed number of delegates to a general consti-tuency meeting which should be held at least twice a year and from which the general management committee would be elected. It would, however, he to the wider general meeting that an MP would have to go to seek backing under any mandatory reselection pro-

By so doing the document ays, an MP "should confisays, an MP snown com-dently seek such endorsement dently seek such endorsement free from the worry of the ganging up of a small nucleus of people to vote against him/ her as the general meeting would have bundreds of ordiconstituency members present

The radical proposals in the document have been collated by Mr Gerry Russell, the union's representatives on the party NEC, but most of them reduced to tiny groups, will be bear the unmistakable imprint swept away on a hostile tide".

was led by Mr Mostyn Evans, general secretary of the TGWU,

who is often aligned on the

general council with general

secretaries of smaller unions

whose militant policies are

more in line with the transport

workers than more moderate

unions such as the General and

Mr David Basnett, general

secretary of the GMWU, said

after yesterday's meeting that

any election reform was un-likely to be put before this year's Trades Union Congress.

General secretaries are to hold

unions before a meeting of the

consultations within

Knuckleduster

Lord Chalfont

Lord Chalfont, former Minis-

ter of State at the Foreign Office, was artacked in London

on his way to record a tele-

He said yesterday: "My wife and I were driving along the King's Road on Friday evening.

I was going to the American Broadcasting Company's studio

"The road was blocked.

Police were already dealing with a disturbance so we turned off the main road. Our way was

blocked by youths, one of whom

"I got out to try to clear a

path and was promptly attacked by a skinbead with a knuckle-

duster: I got a fairly good bash-ing a black eye, lacerations and bruises before the youth-ran off and I monaged to get

back into the car."

He was treated by his wife,

Mr David Evans, aged 30, of

Maddocks Close, Sidcup, Kent, sustained back injuries when his parachute failed 3,000 ft up.

He was saved by his emergency parachute.

Radio 3 programmes will end

at 11.15 pm, instead of mid-

Radio 3 cutback

Parachutist's escape

attack on

vision programme.

kicked the car.

who is a doctor.

committee next month.

(GMWU).

Workers'

from party headquarters to of Sir John Boyd, the umon's general secretary, a veteran of

internal battles in the party and one of its former chairmen. Sir John and his colleagues make clear their belief that a strong local organization with full-time agents with decent wages who could spend their time organizing and not running raffles and sweepstakes to exist" provides the best chance of bringing what they see 25 the moderate opinions of the majority of Labour supporters bear on the party's policies.

In a no less controversial proposal they suggest that the NEC, composed of 29 members of whom 12 are union representatives, should be changed into a 45-strong body, meeting no more than six times a year and composed in equal thirds of trade union representatives, MPs and lay activists.

The union representatives would be elected by union delegates to the annual party con-ference, the MPs from the Parliamentary Labour Party, while the "lay activists" would consist of 11 regional repre-sentatives, two local government ones, one elected from the party's women's conference and one Young Socialist member.

In view of the party's desperate financial problems." the document says the party treasurer would cease to be a political office and would be selected on the basis of who is best qualified for this job ". The document notes that in the general election last May, Labour lost much of its traditional support among skilled workers and other trade unionists. "As Britain's

economic plight under the Conservatives becomes more desperate and the social ten-sions uglier it gives the extremists on both the right and the left their opportunity.

A strong Labour Party can resist tthose pressures "but a weak Labour Party turned in on itself, riven by faction fighting, bankrupt and with membership

TUC discord on poll procedure Opposition to the proposals general council and the GMWU would get three. Unions with a membership of more than 100,000 would automatically get a seat and further representation would be based on a rising scale depending on the size of a union's membership.

Merger plans: A merger of two unions in the Merchant Navy has moved closer with appointment of a working group to draw up a constitution for a single new union.

Talks between the 44,000-nember Merchant Navy and member Airline Officers' Association and the Radio and Electronic Officers Union, which has 4.000 The plan would guarantee the unions says the new constitu- grade at Jaguar; that is now TGWU five seats on the tion should be drawn up soon. reserved for skilled employees.

By Annabel Ferriman

rains dioxin contaminant.

amptonshire, whose case was cited in a dossier about the

weedkiller drawn up by the National Union of Agricultural

and Allied Workers, said in a

letter to the minister that he believed that his family and

other families had been seri-

two miscarriages and two near

miscarriages. Also one of our daughters was born with a blocked urethral tube and su-

larged kidney.

"My wife is now expecting our third child in July. I have good reason to suspect the weedkiller 2457 as I have

used in my work for at least the

"My wife Margaret bas had

ously affected by it.

past 12 years."

Record industry fights to silence £20m pirate market

In Victorian households the piano often held pride of place. On winter evenings families gathered to play and sing the latest songs. The sheet music they used was probably "pirated": copies of the legitimate publisher's work run off

cheaply and sold on the streets. Although the enactment of copyright laws at the turn of the century stifled the sheet music pirates, the growth of electronic home entertainment is spawning successors in a technological form of white-

Crime Reporter

collar crime. The video cassette played on the family television could be a new Holywood film which has not even reached general release. The pop music cassette on the stereo system sounds like the genuine article but comes from its original producers via duplicating machines in Italy

Behind such products lies a criminal industry which has attracted organized crime in the

at Brown's Lane, Coventry.

threatened strikers if

bonus scheme

Farmworker tells minister

British Leyland, which had treatened to dismiss the

returned today, has postpoued

the deadline until Wednesday

Under the formula the com-pany is to hold national talks

with the unions on a new

appeals procedure for detaling

with re-grading disputes. The company intends that the final

stage of the procedure will be a panel with an independent chairman and that Jaguar

grievances will be treated as

In addition, a joint working party is to be set up under Mr John Egan, the chairman of

Jaguar, in an attempt to find

ways of increasing pay through improved productivity and

Easter in protest at the imposi-tion of the company's controver-

sial pay and working conditions

When that strike ended 11

days ago after national agree-

1.600 remained our because of

they had not

weight " criminals in Britain.

In both "audio crime" and video crime" three factors have encouraged the operations-One is the weakness, even nonexistence, of copyright laws in many countries. A second is the ease of mass-producing copies with the development of cassettes and the third is the profits to be made when neither royalties nor studio costs have

to be met. In 1979, the British record industry estimates it lost 20m in sales through audio crune while in the United States the figure has been pur at between \$250m and \$350m.

The oldest figure in the record industry; rogue gallery of audio criminals is the bootlegger. For many years records have been made sold of artistes' sessions which officially never issued. Examples include the songs of a well-known pop recorded when it was knocking on the doors

a contract.

Crime for pleasure: Lack of copyright and ease of reproduction lead to 'bootleg' casse

But with the appearance of better tape recording facilities the emphasis in bootlegging has rurned to recording concerns and stereo broadcasts on radio. The quality is rarely good and boorlegging has remained the domain largely of the amereur. His professional colleagues are much more sophisticated. The art of the pirate and the

counterfeiter was recently disecutive in charge of the antipiracy division of the Internal Federation of Phonographic industries. The cassettes ranged from a humble Maltese recording described in crude ballpoint handwriting as the work of the "Baeltes." an Italian product including a forgery of the stamp used by the Italian authors' society to protect copyright....

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cluding its packaging. feiting organization. The main pirating centre is main European cent

Singapore. At least five large. The bootleg proc producers operate from there, by word of mouth adding their own brand marks, investisement while adding their own brand marks, invertisement while the initials "GMR" the sign and the forgers oft of an open hand and other less like market s logos, to copies of the original. retail prices at ha The marker lies in the Far of the legithmate art the Middle East and still a tidy profit to North Airsia where obpyright The battle aga

laws are negligible. The enerations have become by a special investigation of the castlette harker try it a cost of 1250 in some countries, that cata- Backed by the e logues with 300 or 400 titles, lawyers and forens are issued for a trade that the team has seized generates £30m a year.

The piracy in Brinsin first since 1973, using a suppeared to the mid 1970s when seize procedure und

federal legislation in the United - In that time the States scared producers into groups have given y "dumping" material this side more organized ope of the Atlantic. The United the investigations I States is being affected by casion become dan counterfeiting, and executives of a large record retail claim

crime in Britain is Backed by the e threats and ever contract killings

Union call to Regional morning papers halted end strike No regional morning news-

at Jaguar papers were published in England, Wales and Northern By Our Labour Staff Ireland today, because of a National Graphical Association Shop stewards are to recomdispute affecting about 250,000 mend to 1,600 striking Jaguar

workers that they return to printers. work after a settlement formula was reached last night at the end of 16 hours of negotiations. Most of the 4,000 paper and general printing companies are expected to lock out NGA mem-The shop stewards last night bers in retaliation for the five agreed to call a mass meeting week campaign of industrial for tomorrow " in an endeavour action by the union. The NGA is threatening to spread the action to more national newssecure a return to work". by their members, most of whom work at Jaguar's plant

papers. Yesterday's News of the World did not appear because of a walk-out by NGA members. Mr Joe Wade, NGA genera secretary, said that firms which have already agreed to the union's demands will be exempt from any action. The union maintains that 1.760 firms, which employ 27 per cent of the union's representation in the

industry, have signed deals.

The employers are question ing those figures. The British Printing Industries Federation says that about 90 of its 3,750 member-companies have been



Mr Joe Wade: Some firms exempt from action.

for not following the national line, and the Newspaper Society, which represents 260 companies in the provincial press, said that only two companies had agreed terms with

its campaign in support of its claim for £30 a week minimum earnings and the introduction of a 37-hour week during the next 12 months. The employers have offered a £55-a-week minimum rafe and a 37-hour week from July 1982.

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Conciliation and Arbitration
Service at the end of last week
has led both the employers and the union to believe that the dispute may continue for

a while.

If the dispute does drag on it could prove costly for both sides. The union is paying £22 a week to members who have been suspended by the newspaper groups and about 50 general printing companies, and although newspaper groups may long dispute some printing companies, large and small may find themselves in diffi-

The union's leaders will meet in Bedford today to assess the response of companies to the lock-out. About 45,000 NGA members will be suspended The union has been pursuing without pay today

Blair Pe mquest 1 set a rec

The inquest into day at Hammersmit court, London, will running high and the that the hearing, a last four to six wee Dr John Burton, s expects to call at h nesses, including 4:
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is the normal practice.

The unofficial NCC said the jury shoul selected by a police of by independent directly supervised by Chancellor's departme There will be les sentation at the inqu Peach family, the M Police, the Police and the Anti-Nazi L played a part in org emonstration in So London, against th Front's meeting last family lawyers challenged in the Appeal the coroner not to sit with a jury

told the Anti-Naz counsel that he wou political messing exotion high on all terday's march in I just the culmination of activity which strators displaying side police stations and elsewhere nam

The inquest res

message on air crash

About 3,000 laguar employees joined the strive by 18,500 EL workers which started after disaster in 1977 when two Boeing 747 jumbo jets coilided on the runway with the loss of

570 lives. ment with union leaders, the The Queen's sympathy: The

"My husband joins me in sending you our most sincere sympality.

"We deeply regret the tragic cost of lives and will be grateful if you would convey our sympathy to the relatives of those who have died."

The following list of victims of Friday's Tenerife air disaster was released by Dan-Air: Crew: Capt Arthur John Whelan Helesowen, Birmingham: First Office winner: Firth: High! Engineer Baymon Carey, Haslington or Crews: and five Stewardsess. Margaret Royal, Patric Arm Sergean, Kerry Worthington Welanie French and Jame Datton.

Ann Sergann, Karry Morthlegion, Melanis French and Jame Datton.

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and Mr M. H. Cark of Barmouth Close. Deceido. Cirwd.

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Levenshmine, Manchester; Mr. and Mrg.
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Shelfield; Mr. W. and Mrs. I. Nield, Roch,
Orme, Old Hall Close, Walton, Warrington; Mr. K. and Mrs. P. Part.
Assnelled Park; Graeford, Wreckante
Mr. J. H. and Mrs. A. E. Perrey, The
Softmary, Morley, Gheshira, Mr. L. and
Mrs. M. Skebsitten, Holyrood Rise;
Bramley, Rotherham.

The Queen's | Shopworkers call for 'jobs without a war's

their annual union conference vesterday to resist the Govern-ment's pomp-like ranky for

military splendour and pression a switch from increased spending on defence to more funds for social needs.

Mr Stanley Tierney, president of the Union of Shop, increased with Officers Union, which has 4,000 1,600 remained out because or members, have been going on for some time. A joint statement issued today by the unions says the new constitution should be drawn up soon.

In a conference of the union of the u million unemployed. War rearmament met by public expenditure revived industry. The challenge we face today is to

restore full employment without rearmament or a war "Mrs Thatcher talks of rearmament and increased defence spending. When she is not fighting Common Market partners or the trade unions, she squares up to the Russians.", Mr Tierney said.

unions went over the precipice tion reports).

He said the Employment Bill

was unnecessary and unfair and gave "political ficence to fur-ther subjection of those least able to protect themselves Mr Tierney said the union had made significant progress toward the introduction of a 35 hour week particularly in Te At the previous it tailing and the target of E55 a week as a minimum basic wage had been achieved in many areas

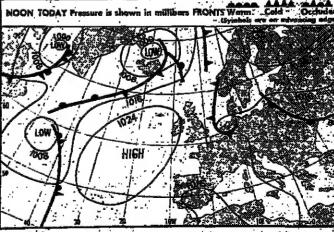
Action day call: Teachers who are members of the Conserva-tive Trade Unionists organization last night called up the National Union of Teachers not to take part in the TUC organized day of action on May 14 (Our Political Staff reports). Broadcasting threat Deleganes at the Association of Broadcasting and Allies See 198 partners or the trade unions, she squares up to the Russians." Mr Tierney said.

Trade unions were being day passed an emergency resolution authorizing their leaders, pice by the Government, which was first seeking to weaken the unions, and then when the on May 14 (the Press Association) and then when the control of the press Association and the reservices to the control of the press Association and the reservices the reservices the control of the press Association and the reservices the control of the press Association and the pressure of the control of the press Association and the pressure of the control of Broadcast ing and Allied Staff's annual conference in Hastings yesterday the pressure of the control of Broadcast ing and Allied Staff's annual conference in Hastings yesterday to the conference in Hastings yes the co

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Weather forecast and recordings



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Lighting up: 8.49 pm to 5.06 am High Water: London Bridge 1.43high Water: London Bridge 1.43-am, 6.7m; 2.06 pm, 6.9m, Avon-mouth 7.07 am, 12.0m; 7.30 pm. 12.3m. Dover 11.14 am, 6.0m; 11.23 pm, 6.3m. Hull 6.05 am, 6.7m; 6.12 pm, 6.7m. Liverpool 11.17 am, 8.6m; 11.34 pm, 8.7m. 1 ft = 0:3048m: 1m = 3.2308 ft.

high to the W and a weak N airstream covers the country: Forecast for 6 am to midnight: London, SE England : Rather

London, SE England: Rather cloudy, some sunny intervals, perhaps a little rain later: wind N, moderate max temp 12°C (54°F).

E Anglia: Rather cloudy, few sunny intervals, outbreaks of rain spreading from E, wind N, moderate max temp 12°C (54°F).

Midlands, NW, NE, central N and central S England, N Wales, Channel Islands: Dry, rather Slight or moderate.

cloudy, but some bright or sunny intervals; wind NE, light or moderate; max temp 12 in 14°C. SW England, N.-Wales : Dry, sunny intervals; wind NE, light or moderate; max temp. 13°C (55°P). Lake District, Border, Edin-burgh, Dundee, Glasgow, Aber-

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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f,





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London: Temp: m pm 9°C (48°F); 7 am, 4°C (39°F), H

and allies is not the best service of the many parts you can render to them", he a result of the BBC economy added. at 11.15 pm, instead of the united states, in Scanadded. at 11.15 pm, instead of the united states, in Scanadded. Nuclear submarine dock plan hits safety snag By Pearce Wright

Ministry of Defence plans for station. Under normal circumstances the project would need a handling nuclear mater safety certificate from the British Nuclear Fuels. Nuclear Installations Inspector- Since the Barrow or ate of the Health and Safety Executive both before it was built, or before it could be

brought into operation. It is clear from the safety guidelines of the Nuclear inspector that the type of temporary cooling circuits devised for the new operations on nuclear submarines would be unacceptable under civil and

commercial circumstances.

Moreover the local authority. at Barrow, where the Ministry of Defence intends to make its development, has been advised that the project would contribute to an unusually high concentration of hazards for an urban area. -It would be the third large underraking for which a risk

Canvey Island, and an expansion of dockside facilities for handling nuclear materials for

Since the Barrow project is outside the jurisdiction of the Health and Safety Executive, an assessment of the nuclear hazard has been requested by Cumbria County Council from of accident it would the safety and reliability divigreat public hazard. sion of the Atomic Energy Authority.

Nuclear submarines use pressurized water reactors for their power. That principle was the one exploited by the Americans for commercial stations, and is the same as that adop-ted by the Government for the next series of nuclear power stations in Britain. However, the original mari-

that raise serious questions of safety when brought into dry

dock. For that tiny reactor has

Because of the stringent space requirements, the fuel for nuclear submarines is highly enriched uranium 235. Using water as a moderator, it is possible to construct a nuclear reactor of extremely small size which "burns" up the uranium without replacing it with any significant amount of

to speed ban on dioxin growth appeared on his neck, and within a year he died." Mr Thomas pointed out that the spraying season had started. "Farmers, farm workers and others are in a dilemma as to whether to use 245-T or not. For some reason you seem to worker from Yelvertoft, North-

be dithering.

The ministry denied that there had been any time-wasting on its part. "Last November, the minister invited the union to send him details of their case against 245-T.

the minister nearly four months later on March 12, and on March 18 Mr Walker presided over a meeting between the union's general secretary and the chairman of the advisory committee on pesticides to set up arrangements for the committee to examine the dossier, including individual case

"It was agreed the first step would be for union representa-tives to meet the scientific subcommittee of the advisory com-mittee, but so far the union has

He said he knew of other cases in his neighbourhood. Two farmers' wives had had several miscarriages and a

Although this is only onetenth of the amount of material created in large power stations, it is in a particularly concentrated form in the submarine reactor. If dispersed because of accident it would create a

fer of a nuclear submarine into cties two are an extension of a large concentration of waste of other hazardous waste.

Health Services Correspondent A farmworker has urged Mr Peter Walker, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, to stop "dithering" and ban the weedkiller 245-T, because it con-Mr David Thomas, a farm-

"The union's dossier reached

with "deformed . waterworks" Those farmers had also used " A good friend of mine while

not been able to take up dates Offered."
The committee had twice investigated the use of 245-T and found it safe, the ministry said. The weedkiller 245-T contains dioxin, which was developed by Americans as a defoliant and used in the Vietnam war. Its use

farmer's sous had been born

a dry dock creates the equiva- a liquid gas terminal, of the products; if contains, for in-lent of a small nuclear power type that causes controversy at stance, up to 100,000 curies of radioactive iodine, one of the great biological hazards of radioactive substances.

> other fissile materials; or without producing substances like plutonium 239 that is obtained from the commercial variety.

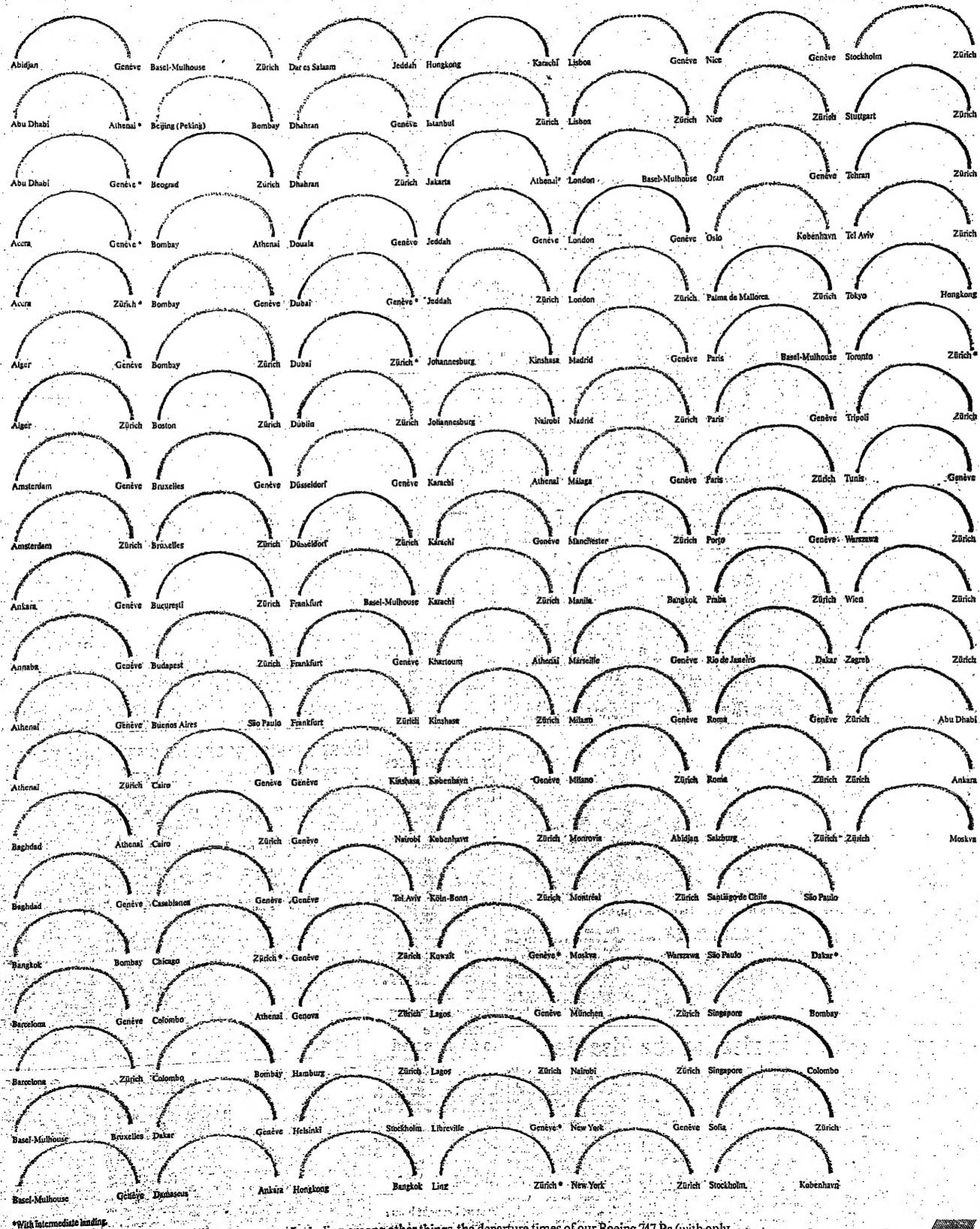
Nevertheless, the compact re-actor produces a high inventory

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Move to set up 'wet

shelters' for drunks

dan University, charged by Mr. Gillie internal body resp. Merlyn Rees, the former Home, sible for running the prisons.

small experimental basis. main reasons for setting up.
Although full details have the inquiry, disclosed that
yet to be provided, it is when he was Home Secretary

into the prison system.

Mr. Hinton, who was a expedited. Some waited in cusmember of the May committee, said that one of the most off.

an inspectorate outside the one basin for slopping out and

is causing grave concern among Hose Secretary, is expected to prison governors, who lear that announce big changes in prison

public confidence in the sys-

He added that he would be interested to see if the Civil

Service had quashed the idea

of having two non-executive

members appointed to the Prisons Board; the Home Gillie internal body respon-

Mr Rees, who said that in-

dustrial unrest was one of the

during the prison officers' pro-

tosis a number of camps had

Mr Terry Thompson, a member of the Prison

member of the Prison Officers' Association national

executive, said the process of bringing remand prisoners

He added that about 80 pri-

soners awaiting deportation at

Ashford Remand Centre had

A sharp rise in the crime rate. Mr William Whitelaw, the inmates in jails designed

administration on Wednesday

a committee of inquiry by Mr Justice May. Last November the

committee called for urgent measures including a big exten-

sion of the building programme

and consideration of increas-

reached higher levels with an unprecedented increase of 3,000

prisoners in the first 10 weeks

of 1980, not because of harsher

sentencing but simply the rise in crime. There are now 44,800

Since then overcrowding has

ing remisson and parole.

Prison overcrowding worsens

the contingency planning.

i.m. Mr Hinton said.

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Secretary, that the scheme would probably start on a

believed that veluntary organi-

zations would be involved in

Mr Rees said that Mr Wil-liam Whitelaw, the Home-Sacretary, was expected this

week to announce proposals.

resulting from recommenda-tions made by the May inquiry

tive measures Mr Whitelaw could take would be to have

overcrowding, already intense,

may become so bad that four

men will have to share 13 feet

by 8 feet Victorian cels for 23

Lord Chancellor's office and the Home Office have held

secret talks on sentencing poli-

cies, amid suggestions that

sentences should be made shorter, and waiting lists formed, with "urgent" cases

being jailed first and the less

serious offender getting his

Flying boat

plan at risk

An ambitious plan to bring

back to this country for permaneut display what is believed to be the last large British-built

passenger flying boat in flyable

condition is in danger of foundering for lack of money. The flying boat is a 48-seater

Short Sandringham, berthed in the United States Virgin Islands.

It was built in 1943 on the Med-

way by Short Brothers as an RAF Sunderland and was con-

verted into a civilian Sandringham, ct Belfast. in 1947.

After a varied career with a number of owners, the Sandring-

ham, now named Southern

Cross, was bought in 1974 by Captain Charles Blair, owner of

Antilles Air Boats. Captain

Blair was killed last year in an

accident in a smaller flying

boat, and the new owners of his

company are not interested in

operating the aircraft.

recovery

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

It is now understood that the

running them.

Service Multi-district areas were being tranfirmed into since district areas when thought appropriate by those at local level. Now the plan was to abolish the 90 area health authorities simultaneously and replace them by between 150 and 180 district health

mission on the National Health

in pactors

The author, favour a more decentralized system of decision-making, which the Government also claims to favour, but the which they regional health to things and strums up the Hinton said.
It would take courage for a the to have an inspectorate; they think that regional health the system reporting to me." If authorities will emerge from re-Courts in custody.

Mr Nichola: Hinton, classes the recommendation was imof the National Council for plemented it would improve organization greatly strength-

They advocate the replacement of regional health authoriwith regional groups of civil servants sent from the De-partment of Health and Social Security, and representatives of the district health authorities who would meet regularly and discuss matters of common con-

They regret the decision to retain family practitioner com-retain family practitioner com-mittees, which control general practitioners, because this main-tains the independence of primary care services from the rest of the service, which will come under the jurisdiction of the district health authorities. The authors of the report also state that Patients First

places too much emphasis on hospital and medical services and roo little on community care and prevention, in spite of the United Kingdom's poor record in areas like perinatal mortality and coronary heart disease.

Putients First (Outer Circle Policy Unit, 4 Cambridge Terrace, Regent's Park, London NW1 4JL. 21.50, plus 21p postage).

Mr Brendan O'Friel, branch

chairman of the Society of Civil and Public Servants and

deputy governor of Winson

Green prison in Birmingham, said: "If a disturbance or dis-aster put one large jail out of

commission, I suspect it would be impossible for other prisons

In England and Wales, more than 18,000 inmates, 40 per cent of the prison population, are

living two or three to a cell

built in the last century for one

to make up the loss."

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The Short Sandringham, which is now berthed in the Virgin Islands.

but now must find an additional museum can do nothing to £20,630 in a short time to support the project until the secure it, or the machine will boat is back in Britain.

Anger at planned cut in rise for the disabled

Smoke clouding the Embankment yesterday hours after fire broke out on board the old Caledonia. Floating pub on the Thames is swept by fire

The Old Caledonia, the floating public house and restaurant moored on the Thames near Waterloo Bridge, London, was badly damaged by fire yesterday.

THE THUS MONTH APRIL OF THE

The fire broke out at about 6 am. River police from Waterloo Pier saw smoke coming from the stern of the 230ft vessel and warned the three members of staff lesping on board.

More than fifty firemen using eight numps and three rescue tenders fought

throughout the morning and early afternoon to bring the blaze under control.

Four fremen were taken to St Thomas's.

Hospital to be treated for burns and smoke inhalation. The Embankment was closed to traffic for most of the day.

Scotland Yard said that there were no

suspicious circumstances surrounding the fire, which appeared to have started in the aft saloon. London Fire Brigade said that the ship was listing badly to starboard but that high expansion foam was used instead of watersin an effort to prevent her sink-ing and there was no imminent danger of

her foundering.

Air Daniel Fleming, manager of the Old Caledocia, said after inspecting the ship that there was considerable internal damage. He said that the bars, and restaurant had closed as usual at 11 pm on Castralia, leading only, the graphles from Saturday, leaving only the caretaker trew

The three people who were taken off the ship were Mr Enrico Cancilini, the assistant manager, Mr Neil Barker, a trainee manager, and Miss Fiona Campbell, a barmaid. The ship's dog, Oro, was also rescued by the river police.

The Caledonia, as she was then known, was commissioned in 1934 and operated until 1969 as a paddle steamer on the

until 1969 as a paddle steamer on the Civde. In 1972 she was bought by Base Charrington and established as the first Ploating public house in London.

During the Second World war the Caledonia was fitted with autiencraft guns and was stationed in the Thames as part of the London defences against Ger

ares, there was demand for mo Both univer on the contibut man V-bombers. She shot down two enemy preparties of

aircraft. She also took part in the Normandy landings.

"She's a beautiful ship", Mr Fleming said as he surveyed the charged hulk last night. "I only hope we can save her".

Fate of grammar schools at stake in local polls

Lords.

Education Correspondent

The fate of grammar schools in eight metropolitan districts hinges on the outcome of the local government elections on

Of the 36 metropolitan districts in England, only ten; six Conservative and four Labour, still have grammar schools. Trafford and Wirral are solidly Conservative and there the grammer schools will be safe. But the other eight are marginal districts, and in all but one a strong swing to Labour is expected.

Bolton, the Labour opposition has pledged to abolish the six remaining grammar schools when, as seems likely, it is returned to power on May 1. The entire council is up for reelection.

In Birmingham, where Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has approved plans to restore the Sutton Coldfield comprehensive to its former grammar school status, Labour is expected to regain control.

Labour has promised to try to reverse that decision and to turn the city's seven voluntaryaided grammar schools into comprehensives. All are considering going independent and

assisted places scheme. In Calderdaie, where the Con-

servatives have a majority of one, it is less clear how the balance of power; will fall between the three parties. But the Conservatives are considering tentative proposals which would chain the status of the seven grammar schools in the Brighouse and Halifax area.

In Kirklees, another Conservative council, the two remaining grammar schools are also far from saie, and the expected Labour victory on Thursday would hasten their end. Conservative proposals to end selection at both grammer school were rejected by Mr Carlisle earlier this year, but a less costly scheme to retain some single-sex schools might win his approval.

Of the four margina! Labour districts. Tameside is probably the most interesting educa-tionally. There, more than any-where else, the grammar schools have been caught up in

the political battle. Those schools, originally due to go comprehensive in Sep-tember, 1976, were "saved" when the Conservatives came to power in the local government elections of May, 1976. An attempt by the Labour

introduced plans to end selec-tion at the five grammar schools in September this year. A government decision on those proposals is imminent and Mr Carlisle is expected to allow them to go fully com-

comprehensive plans was ruled

When Labour regained con-trol last year, it immediately

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prenensive. In Walsall, where the Conservatives were in power until a by-election last October, twopresent Labour council, which is expected to strengthen its position in Thursday's elecwill seek charges for tions,

both. In Wolverhampton, another larginal Labour district, marginal Labour district, Labour could lose support, having just increased the rates by 60 per cent. One highly selective girls grammar school remains in the town.

Plans to end selection at the school last September were stopped by a parents' applica-tion for a High Court injuncto prevent the council publishing the necessary notices.

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the Equal Coportunities Act; the last boys grammar school in Wolverhampton went comprehensive last Stotember.

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By Martin Huckerby Theatre Reporter Within the next few weeks. Sir John Tooley, the general administrator of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, plans to pick up a sledghammer and start demolishing the rear wall of the Palace Theatre in Manchester. By Martin Huckerby Theatre expressed fears that the scheme, which will ofst an estimated film, is, so grandiose that the theatre trust could fall flat our its faces. The trust, although still short of film, is adopting some unorthodox financing methods. Marchester. Mr Robert Scott, the trust's administrator, explained that the building work was being paid for with interest free loans from sympathetic industrial and Manchester. He does not have anything against the theatre. He will be haking a symbolic starf to the construction of a big stage extension, which will enable the commercial organizations. Loans of £750,000 have so far been secured.

theatre to present the largest of Covent Garden's opera and The Palace Theatre Trust is going ahead with the extension, as well as building new dress-

ing shall stand in the way of the Palace Theatre becoming a "second home" for the Royal Opera and the Royal Ballet. However, the delays in the reopening of the theatre, and the need to find extra finance to pay for the extension, have caused widespread worries in the North-west about the future of the project. Some local

Manchester seeks its own

operatic 'Covent Garden'

ing rooms, a large orchestra pit and many other improvements, because it is determined noth-

To pay off those loans, the trust hopes for an extra £100,000 from the Arts Council, which has said it is sympathetic to the appeal. If the Palace Theatre project

sounds expensive, a much bigger scheme is waiting in the wings: Mr. Raymond Slater; a director of the building firm Norwest Holst, who purchased the Palace Theatre and gave it to the trust, has proposed a plan for a new concent hall, to house the Hallé Orchestra, on land behind the Refuge Assurance building, which is across the custody road from the Palace Théatre. May 6:

Mr Collins

Council house tender tops £6

Correspondent :

Sherland Islands Council will formally decide this week not to accept a tender for the construction of 40 council houses on the island of Unst which would have put their cost at more than £60,000 each. The council is expected instead to invite its direct works

department to tender for the contract, although that will mean the project cannot begin

in the past eight years, and at cil house over 22,000, is higher than at £21,000 in 15 any time since before the First the scheme I World War. The figures do not north Lerwic include the 6,000 workers, at Sullom Voe more than two chairman of thirds of whom are resident in mirree, sai any one week in either of the workers' camps or on one of the cost of a the two permanently moored up to £200.

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houses have been built on the islands since 1974, the waiting the mote of list for council accommodation has doubled to exceed 700. The decision is one of a Despite the contribution of BP, series facing the island's counwhich has built several dozen cil in attempting to resolve the homes for its senior permanent homes for its senior permanent staff, and the housing associa-tion movement, the onus of accommodating the rising pop-

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By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent The Government faces grow-

ing opposition to its proposal to reduce a planned increase of benefit payments to 600,000 sick and disabled people by at least £1.15 a week. Labour MPs are expected to press amendments to try to stop the proposal when the standing committee on the Social Security (No 2) Bill resumes tomorrow. The people offected draw in-

validity pensions because they have been unable to work for more than six months due to sickness or disability. Two-thirds are aged 50 and over. including more than 36,000 over retirement age.

Invalidity pensions are paid at present at the same rate as reurement pensions, and are regarded as long-term benefits. on the poorest group of chroning industrial to cally sick and disabled people." ment pensions.

The 5 per cent cut is an unfair "We cannot to the poorest group of the side of the people of the side of t

insurance which the Government proposes to raise by 5 per cent less in November than the 16! per cent it expects prices to rise. Retirement pensions will receive the full 16! per cent increase, al-though Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, has hinted in standing committee that it may prove anunderestimate of price rises.

A bid for the aircraft has

Forum, Dorset, and Captain Ronald Gillies, a former associ-

ate of Captain Blair, who lives

in the Virgin Islands. They have paid a deposit of £15,000,

been made by Mr Michael Ameri Coughlin, of MM Aviation, pany. Charlton Marshall, Blandford Mr.

The Government has said it wants to apply the 5 per cent cut to invalidity pensions pending the taxation of the benefit in 1983. But Mr Jenkin has admitted that many idvalidity pensioners would not pay any tax if the benefit was taxable now.

The Disability Alliance group which contains the main disability organizations, has accused the Government of " perperuating a gross injustice

levy which will affect an in- the Government should decide creasing number of people from to discriminate in this way year to year, it says in a briefing to Opposition MPs.

Mr Coughlin estimates that

it will cost £100,000 to acquire the Sandringham, fly it back to

Britain, and restore it. The pro-

ject has the backing of the

Science Museum, but the museum can do nothing to

go to a rival bid put in by an The plan is to give the air-American oceanographic com-craft a complete overhaul when

successor.

Some invalidity pensioners have other sources of income, but many of those would pay less tax than the amount by which the real value of their benefit is being cut. The alli-ance says it is "an act of cal-lous injustice" to reduce benefit for those who would not pay any tax at all.

Similar points have been made to Mr Jenkin by both the Disablement Income Group and Age Concern. Other effects of the proposal will be to widen the gap between the fit retirement pensioner and the sick invalidity pensioner, and between the disabled person drawing in-Whidity pension compared with equally disabled people drawing industrial or war disable-

"We cannot understand why

against some younger disabled people whose working lives have been brought to an abrupt and premature end by disability? Mr Peter Large, of the Dis-ablement Income Group, said in a letter to Mr Jenkin. "I have to report frankly

it arrives in Britain and then to

operate it for "joy rides" for

the public for several seasons

before putting it on permanent

display, probably at Calshot,

Southampton, the prewar base for the Empire flying boats, of

which the Sandringham is the

that we are appalled by the proposal to treat contributory invalidity pensioners who ar severely disabled and permanently on invalidity benefit less favourably than fit retirement The Child Poverty Action

Group today accuses the Government of swindling invalidity persioners and other parents on national insurance benefits of 650 to 75p a child by changing its method of increasing benefits. The total loss of purchasing power for a two-child family on invalidity pension would be E3.35 a week-

Durham Synod backs divorcees' church marriage From Our Correspondent

Durham
As the result of the casting

vote of the Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev John Habgood, Durham Diocesan Synod has voted in favour of divorced people being allowed to marry

The lairy and the clergy had each voted in favour of the move by a substantial majority at the weekend. In a separate vote for the bishops the result was 1-1. Then the Bishop of Durham gave his casting vote The Archdeacton of Durham, the Venerable Michael Perry, explained yesterday: "All three votes have to show a majority on the same side for the result to be effective as the decision of synod." The Bishop of Durham said that he would

not necessarily be bound by that vote at the General Synod

Increase in dog licence fee to £5 proposed

in July.

A dog warden service spread nationally and an increase in the licence fee from 350 to 55 will be proposed at a meeting in the Commons tomorrow by the joint advisory committee on pets in society, which believes that such measures are urgently needed. The aim of the warden ser-

rice is to reduce the number of stroys on the streets and other difficulties such as fouling, motor accidents and sheep vorrying in rural areas. About 100 local authorities in Britain have some kind of warden service.

Protest brought home

Pensioners and teenagers were omong demonstrators who protested about Government housing policies on Saturday outside the home near Abergavenny, Gwent, of Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for By a Special has grown by more than 5,000. The average

until the substantial amount of work it has in hand on the island of Yell is complete. difficulties that have accompanied oil-related developments in the area.

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dy for battle: Mrs Thatcher waiting for the European summit ting to get under way in Luxembourg yesterday.

ar vote inter federal

Patricia Clough April 27 Saarland, West Ger-

s smallest Land, went to iolls today to elect a ment which could influhe Bundestag elections in

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French Socialists fall out over candidate

From Charles Hargrove Paris, April 27

Supporters and opponents of ment. M Michel Rocard, the challenger to M François Mitterrand for the Socialist Party's nomination in next year's presidential election, clashed sharply at the party's national con-vention in Paris today.

Differences between them over the timetable for the nomination of the candidates tended to overshadow the debate on international affairs for which the convention was originally called.

M Mitterrand refused to declare whether he would stand against President Giscard d'Estaing, but he condemned the "unhealthy competition, the intrigues, the manoeuvres, and the campaign of innuendo" over the choice of a candidate, and he accused M Rocard of having started it immediately after the 1978 parliamentary

M Mitterrand, who wants to give himself as much time as possible, to make up his mind, said he was not a candidate for the time being. M Jean-Pierre Chevenement, leader of Ceres, the party's left-wing ginger group, declared, to boos and shouts from M Rocard's supporters, that if M Mitterrand were nor the candidate he himself would lead the party into battle in order to defend its line. He also accused M Rocard of wanting to govern with the right-wing majority in the National Assembly.

The Socialists now have no fewer than four potential candidates and are once again displaying their tendency to concentrate on internal quar-

sibility of early election

rels rather than on the business of beating the Govern-

The majority of the conven-tion decided — against the wishes of M Rocard and his friends, who wanted the date brought forward - that the national congress to choose the party candidate would be held just before the end of the year, probably in mid-December.

M Mitterrand drew a por-trait of the ideal candidate which squared almost completely with his own personality and views. He must, he said, be the man most capable of rallying the party and take his stand clearly on the "Socialist project", the long-term programme adopted last January about which M Rocard has re-

He also insisted on his own authority in the party. The party leader caused much surprise yesterday by telling a hushed audience that a country had the right to try to free its citizens if they had been taken hostage. The right to free was at least equal to the right to imprison.

But he expressed sharp concern at the consequences of the American "adventure" in Iran and he criticised the "ex-traordinary meanderings" of President Carter's policy. The world situation resembled that at the time of Sarajevo in 1914.

The resolution on foreign affairs adopted by the convention described the detention of the American hostages as intolerable, but acknowledged the right of the Iranian people to condemn American support for the Shab.,

after riots

(£1,200m), and proposes tax increases of 4,000m kroner and public expenditure cuts of 8,000m kroner.
The package also includes a scheme to transfer 5,000m kroner from pension funds and insurance companies into risk investment capital for Den-mark's depressed export indus-

A controversial plan to subject state pensions to a means test has been dropped and rep-laced by a proposal to increase VAT from the present 20.25 per cent to 22 per cent.

If, as is now expected, Mr Joergensen can successfully muster the support of the three centrist parties, his economic plans, due before the Folketing (Parliament) during Folkering (Parliament) during the first week of May would be guaranteed a slim majority.

Police hold 60 nish party moves reduce in Frankfurt

From Our Own Correspondent Boam, April 27
Sixty people were detained
by police and many others were
injured in a series of riots in
Frankfurt this weekend.
The violence broke our when
police used water cannon to
break through barricades, set up round a house occupied by about 40 people protesting at the city housing problems. They were met with a barrage of stones which injured several policemen and damaged many

More clashes followed as More clashes followed as groups of angry demonstrators fanned out through the city centre. A gang of about 30 people with sticks and iron bars beat up and seriously injured a right-winger, threatening passersby who tried to inter-

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Swiss put out their flags for the Queen's visit

From Alan McGregor Geneva, April 27

With the office of President of the Confederation rotating yearly among the seven members of the cabinet, the Swiss have little opportunity for formal state occasions and for formal state occasions and are, therefore, making the most of the Queen's four-day visit which begins on Tuesday. Always a flag loving people—many houses and chalets have their own pole—they are putting out even more, with Union Jacks in all sizes selling briskly. Newspapers carry articles on the Queen and protocol.

According to the latest opinion polls, the Swiss are rather better disposed towards the British than towards other foreigners. Some are disappointed, therefore, at the brevity of the royal visit.

Lucerne, for instance, is to see the Queen and the Dule of Edinburgh, accompanied by

Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, and Lady Carring-ton, for only 15 minutes. In Geneva on Wednesday

evening the royal party, after visiting the castle of Chillon at the other end of the lake and a reception by the British community in Lausance, will spend 45 miautes at the headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross. of the Red Cross.

On the lawn outside they will be mingling with the people", particularly British children, for a few minutes. This is in conformity with British wishes for opportunities

for informal contact.

These have been provided as far as is compatible with security, which is being ensured throughout the tour by men of the Federal Anti-Terrorist Unit. On Friday evening the royal party is due in Vaduz, the capital of Leichtenstein for a private visit. They fly back to Britain on Sunday.

Land given to peasants

From Our Correspondent Lisbon, April 27 Dr Francisco Sá Carneiro, the Portuguese Prime Minister, this weekend travelled to Aletejo province from Lisbon to preside over the first presentation of land to farm workers in Portugal's richest farming area.
Ninety-four peasants became small landowners with the

landowners. Other distributions of land will follow The land handed over this weekend are on an estate that had been nationalized in Dec-ember, 1975. The nationalized property was not successfully managed, according to Dr Cardoso de Cunha, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, who accompanied the Prime Minister.

Machine gun raid on dance hall brings in army 40 killed to control violence before Jamaican elections

Kingston, Jamaica, April 27

An upsurge of political gang warfare claimed the lives of nine people in central Kingston last week, the worst bout of violence for years. Politicians and nervous local residents fear it will intensity as the late summer elections. dens lear it with interiors approach. The army has been called in to help the police establish control. The most serious incident

occurred a week ago when four people were killed and many injured in what has become known as the Gold Street Massiere, Although the number of dead scarcely justi-fies the word, the style of their deaths was sinister. About 400 supporters of the Jamaica Labout Party (JLP) were at a fund-raising dance in a crowded section of central

machine guns. Eye witnesses said it was a well-planned assault, some men arriving in boats at the harbour 100 yards away, others on foot from the adjoining section known as Tel Aviv, controlled by supporters of the ruling People's National Party (PNP).

The police, not as well "Then we saw the men and armed as the raiders, were powerless even though their run: When we get them we station is only 50 yards, from will ear them raw." the dance hall, When I visited Gold Street this weekend there was still obvious tension. The built at some cross roads, pre-

The streets now content placed ing in doorways, explained that residents stayed up most of the street corner where three night, brewing tea and watching for Tel Aviv invaders. Only now, shortly after dawn, were they getting some sleep.

The streets now content placed of burning refuse.

A crowd had gathered at a street corner where three hours earlier a youth of 17 had been shot while on his way to school.

The Gold Street massacre almost certainly revenge now, shortly after dawn, were they getting some sleep.
One woman said she was nervous about walking to her

job which involves crossing a PNP area. Others said they had been warned by gangsters to quit their homes. "It is very serious and I think it's going to get worse", one said. Mr Colin Burke, the JLP organizer for the area, took me to the dance hall where the killings occurred. One wall was pock-marked with about fifty buller holes. Experts say American machine guns were

used. Mr Edward Seaga, leader of a crowded section of central Mr. Edward Seaga, leader of Kingston called southside, a the JLP, who accuses Mr JLP stronghold. As in Belfast, Michael Maniey's PNP of being certain areas of the city are dominated by communists, powerfully identified with one thinks they are weapons captoff the two main parties.

Early last Sunday about 100 men in dark green fatigues and reaching the PNP via stormed a dance ball, firing nation is that they are smugnicipal to the property of th gled from Florida in exchange for marijuana. Jamaica's illicit but lucrative export.

A man who was at the dance said: "At first we thought is was the police. Some of us

were smoking ganga (mari-juana) and we thought they had come to stop us.

storey houses and shops were cles from entering the area, more almost empty.

The streets now contain piles due.

was almost certainly revenge for an incident the previous weekend when armed JLP sup-porters threatened Mr Manley while he toured the area, which is part of his consti-

JLP leaders believe it is also part of a campaign to scare their sympathizers into moving away from the area before the election, thus ensuring victory for Mr Menley.

Both party leaders have denounced the violence and in

doing so they have placed most of the blame on their in a two-page advertisement,

in yesterday's Daily Gleaner, adorned with thick black headlines and red spots represent-ing blood, the JLP asked: When they come for you will anyone be left to defend you if you do not stand up now?"
Mr. William Bowes, the
Police Commissioner, said last
week that his men were bampered by shortage of equip-ment. New vehicles and wea-

pons would cost foreign exchange which the country cannot afford. Elections here have often been conducted amid violence though in recent years it seemed to be declining. This new outbreak may be partly attributable to the circum-stances which persuaded Mr

nerrow rows of shabby single- venting rubbish collection vehis Manley to call an election

due.

Jamaica, in tremendous debt
and with a chronic shortage of
foreign exchange, has just
withdrawn from negotiations
for a new loan from the International Monetary Fund. The
Government believes that the
terms sought by the IMF were
too steep and would have
caused greater hardship than
the country is now enduring.

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Because of the foreign
exchange shortage, food is
scarce and there have been disturbances at shops suspected
by customers of holding back
supplies. The inability to buy
imported raw materials has led
to local factories closing and
burgeoning unemployment. burgeoning unemployment.
Opinion polls have shown
that if the election were held

now the JLP would win easily, perhaps securing more than 40 of the 60 seats in Parliament. It is being delayed at least until July because of the need until July because of the need t for a new register to avoid the traditional charges of fraud. Mr Seaga accuses PNP sup-porters of provoking violence to provide an excuse for a dec-

laration of a state of emer-gency and the cancellation of gency and the cancellation of the election. He calls it the "Reichstag plan" or military solution and has asked for international observers.

There is no evidence of any such plan. Mr Manley and his colleagues probably have no more control over the PNP thugs than Mr Seaga does over his own violent supporters-leaving the uncomfortable prospect of a long election cam paign with no sign of the vio

dismissed by Chad Cabinet

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Thai plane

Bangkok, April 27.—Forty people were killed and 11 injured today when a Thai airliner exploded in heavy rain and lightning while approaching

Bangkok airport on a domestic flight, airline officials said.

The dead included 36 passengers and al four crew. Most of the 11 survivors were

reported to be in a critical

condition.

The Thai Airways aircraft crashed into a rice field about

12 miles north of the airport while on its final landing

approach.

The airline said 38 bodies

were found at the scene of the crash and two people died later in hospital. Among the injured

were four foreigners but their

known.
The aircraft was on a regular
The aircraft was on Thailand.

flight from north-east Thailand. It crashed about five minutes

before its scheduled landing.

Officials were investigating the cause of the crash.

It was the worst air disaster in Thailand since an Egyptian

Boeing 707 crashed in Decem-

ber, 1976, killing 72 people.

Rebel ministers

explodes

Nojemena, April 27. — A special meeting of Chad's transitional Government on Friday decided to dismiss "for reasons of rebellion" Mr Hissene Habre, the Defence Minister. Mr Habre's Armed Forces of the North (FAN) have been fighting the People's Armed Forces (FAP) of President Goukouni Quaddes for more than five Oueddes for more than five weeks. The

Cabiner meeting by Vice-President attended by Vice-President Colonel Wadal Abdelkader Kamougue and other Ministers Colonel from southern Chad, decided for the same reason to dismiss Mr Mahomat Saleh, the Finance Minister, and Mr Hajero Senoussi, the Reconstruction

A decree signed by the President said that the three ministerial portfolios were "reattached" to the presidency of the transitional Government. which resulted from a reconciliation agreement signed in Lagos last August

The removal of Mr Habre and those ministers who have supported him openly in the power struggle is aimed at reaffirming the President's legitimacy but could make it more difficult to reach a negotiated solution. — Agence

Tea workers in -Sri Lanka no longer stateless From Our Correspondent

Colombo, April 27 The stigma of statelessness

which has affected about half a million people of Indian origin, working mainly in tea planta-tions in Sri Lanka, is to be removed. Under the Indian-Sri Lanka pacts of 1964 and 1974. India agreed to take back 600,000 people of Indian origin, while

Sri Lanka agreed to grant citizenship to the balance, numbering 400,000. But the granting of Sri Lankan citizenship was numerically linked to the numers repairiated. Now Sri Lan kan citizenship will be granted irrespective of how many have left for India. With the Indian Government

granting Indian citizenship to those who wish to return, the category of "stateless" will be eliminated.

Cuban exodus to Florida grows despite bad weather Key West, Florida, April 27. Coast. Guards have responded

The number of refugees fleeing to the United States from Cuba grew steadily today, despite heavy sees threatening small boats in the Florida Strait

"We have had more than 1,100 refugees in the past 24 hours. That's more than double the number for any other day ", an Immigration Service official said. He estimated the total number of refugees now in Florida at 3.000. Coast Guard officials expres-

sed concern about the saftely of many of the boats making the 90-mile crossing, saying waves in the strait had increased to 7fc, winds had risen to about 25 miles an hour and there were reports of thunder-

to more than 100 distress calls, most from inexperienced sailors who hastily bought boats when the going price for ferrying refugees climbed dramatically. The average price for taking a refugee is now about \$1,000 The rush to leave Cuba began

early this month when dissatis-fied Cubens flocked into the temporarily unguarded Peru-vian embassy after their evacuation ran into diplometic obstacles. The big Cuban com-munity in Miami started raising money for refugee vesselts. Mr Frank Vilez, port director at Key West, said there were an estimated 1,5000 boats anchored estimated 1,5000 posts and at Mariel harbour, near Havana, waiting to load refugees. will take about four days before they can return, he said.—

on school pupils Dakar April 27.—Security forces wounded at least 10 pupils when they opened fire on them in a secondary school in the Mali capital of Bamako,

Mali security

men fire

according to reports by visitors from Mali They said the incident, two weeks ago, was the latest in Mali's school unrest, marked by a boycott of classes from Nov-ember to March and the arrest of pupils and some teachers during demonstrations.

The shooting occurred after pupils at Badalabougou College stormed the premises to try to catch one of their leaders whom they accused of filching money contributed for the victims of the protest demonstrations in

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Fran told not to scoff at US power as more details emerge of rescue mission failure

Washington, April 27

In a senior members of the. American Coverament went onthe linetages in Tehran was the responsibility of the Iranian Geneerment.

Mr Harold Brown, Secretary of Defence, and Mr Zhigniew Previouski, the President's national security advisor, used practically Identical words. As ir Breen out it: "We contime to hold fran responsible for the safety of the hostages and therefore believe that they "ill not he harmed."

The Americans, cannot confirm reports from Tehran that the hestages have been moved. they have, according to Mr.

If, indeed, the hostages have been moved to separate locawhat you have is groups of kidrappers in various places and the Government of Iran not e ring anything about it."

Both men said the attempted rescue should demonstrate to-liven and to the world how strongly the United States feels shour the continued detention of the hostages. Mr Brzezinski, inking sombre and firm, said the message to the Iranians should be: "Do not scoff at American power. Do not scott at American reach."

At the least, this analysis shows Mr Bezezinski's faith in America's eventual success. In course, Iranians are coffing imidly at American Americans, if not scotling, are vringing their hands at the extent of the fiasco.

Futther details of the opera have emerged, though officials continue to refuse to explain what the next stages of the rescue plan were after ahead of them during the re-the point at which it was aban mainder of the night. After doned. the decision to about the opera-

Eight Sikorsky CH53 helicoptelsvision this morning to in- tels were faunched from the duet that the continued safety craft carrier Nimitz, and given a renderious in the central Iranian desert with six C130 cargo aircraft loaded with fuel killing eight men: Five men for the rest of the operation, were wounded and are now in

The flight was about 500 miles, the limit of the helicopters' range. Three of them flew into a severe sandstorm.

The rilor of one lost all sense of vertical direction, suffering an acute case of vertigo. One of his instruments, which would have restored his sense of director rion failed and he returned to

nas over.

When the operation was aborted, the Transats were

The decision to give up after the failure of three beliconters.

carry 35 passengers. There were:

was to pick up the 50 hostages

from the embassy and perhaps the three others held in the

Foreign Ministry.

There would have been room
for all in the five helicopters

but no room for stretchers. The

planners also wanted a further

The plan called for the heli-copters to be refuelled at Desert One and to go directly

to another secret base in the mountains, 100 miles from Tehran. The 90 men would wait there throughout Friday before

going by bus and car to the

Presumably they would have had Iranian guides and helpers

to provide the vehicles .-- They

would have stormed the em-bassy in the middle of the night and carried off the hostages, taking the mback to the second

The helicopters would then

have taken everyone to another base, apparently not Desert One,

where C130s would have been waiting. It is not revealed whether these aircraft would

have been the same six as those which went to Besert One.

Mr Brown said that he did

not wish to set further dead-

lines for the release of the hos-tages. The allies have agreed.

provisionally, that if economic sanctions had no effect by May 17 they woud invoke further

diplomatic sanctions and Presi-

dent Carrer has binted that a

decision to use force might be

Mr Brown said that now was

He also said that the United

the time for further diplomacy,

States hoped to resume correct

relations with Iran soon after

the hostages were released, al

though he admitted that friend-

Both Mr Brown and Mr Brze-

zinski emphasized the continu-

ing : dangers .. to .- lran -- of -; the

From Our Correspondent

Three armoured cars and a

group of soldiers with rifles

guarded the United States Em-

bassy in Ahu Dhabi last night,

but the evening passed without

The embassy has been in-creasingly alert to security since

Abu Dhabi, April 27

resent situation. They said

disintegrating and

American Gulf embassy

would not come for a

taken then.

number of vears.

US cargo planes use Oman | Armoured car protection for

base.

embassy during the night.

released, unharmed.

Mr Brown has promised that there will be no scapegoats but in emphasites the this combined failure of equipthis combined failure of equip- is much debated in military ment and personnel is the least circles: Each helicopter can explicable of the day's events.

The other two helicopters caught in the sandstorm tions to improve. They then went on to the rendezvous.

One of the seven remaining helicopters suffered a severe mechanical failure and had to land. It is not clear whether this was one of those affected by the sandstorm. Its crew was picked up and six helicopters, therefore, reached the base, known as "Descri One" where the six C130s were waiting.

Everyone said the flight from the Nimitz to Desert One was the most difficult part of the operation. The helicopters had to fly very low to avoid framian radar and found the weather conditions worse than expected.

One of the remaining belicopters was then found to have severe malfunction: its hydraulic system had failed. Since, six helicopters were needed in its plan, the opera tion was abandoned.

were on schedule with a 200-mile flight

airport near bere, and heli-

vessels in the Gulf of Oman.

copters have been transferring supplies to United States Navy

Colonel Salim al-Ghazali,

Under Secretary for Defence, reflects the general feeling here of sympathy for the American

predicament over the hostages.

but said he thought the raid was

Although no official American

soundings were taken here before the raid, many American

senators and congressmen have

been asking the Omanis recently what they thought of a possible

They were told such action

seemed to be growing for other

such as sanctions. There is also a feeling here that President

Carter totally misunderstands

Quan is in the final stages of

tanks, and heavy artillery. The abortive raid puts Oman in what

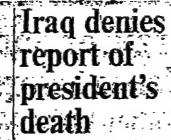
neighbours, which is why recent

be wrong, as support

a big mistake.

military action.

Islamic thinking.



From David Daure of Agence France-Presse Beirur, April 27

Psychological. tion was approved by President between Iraq and Iran reach a Carter, the Americans departed. climax today when the Iranians It was during this manochive that one of the helicopters colannounced the death-of President Saddam Russin of Iraq. lided with a C130 and exploded. Doubtless to lend it added

weight, the presidency in Tehran attributed the informahospital in Texas.

During the time the aircraft were on the ground a bushed tion to the entourage of Avotollah Khomeini. It said were on the ground, a sustant of Iranians appeared on the course of a putsch at 9 am GMT. scene: They were arrested and in view of the propaganda it was pleuned to put them on a campaigns being wased by the a C130 and take them out of campaigns being wased by the law order of the propaganda it was pleuned to put them out to countries, that kind of in-

kind of source was bound to provoke wariness among obser-It so happened that at the very same moment the Iraqi Information Agency (INA) was announcing the arrival in-Baghdad of President Albert René of Seychelles, who was

formation originating from that

met at the uirport, the agency specified, by President Husain. Later INA published a com-ment in which it charged Iran with "wishful thinking". Iranian radio repeated its ver-sion, specifying this time that Mr Husain bad been shot by Islamic fundamentalists when

aspecting a military camp.
But INA reported tonigh: that Mr. Husain was bost at a dinner

Mr. Husain was host at a dinner at the presidential palace in honour of Mr. René.

On today's developments observers saw two possibilities. Perhaps something actually was tried in Iraq and failed, in which case the truth will seep out much later only. The other possibility is that nothing happened at all.

Statement on crisis may be delayed

By Michael Hatfield Political Reporter

Ministers are to meet today to discuss the Government's handling of the Iran crisis in the Commons, Though there has been pressure for, Sir Ian Gilmour, Lord Prive Seal, to make a second statement to MPs today, there was a feeling last night that any Government comment should await the outcome of the European summit meeting in Luxembourg, which

ends tomorrow.

The Opposition is likely to demand a debate, otherwise the first opportunity for a wide-ranging discussion will not occur until the Government introduces its senctions legisla-

tion in three weeks.
Suggestions by Mr Tam
Dalvell, chairman of the Labour backbench foreign affairs commines on BEC radio yes terday that there will be "teminns were thought to be experimented there excher this year. faced the danger of a come doubt however, that the Lab-munist takeover, or a Russian our Party is moving away from invasion like that of Afghanists bipartisan approach with



Avatollah Tchalkhali, exhibiting the remains of the

Fears of Iran witch-hunt for collaborators

Continued from page 1

students occuping the United States Embassy announced the names of two of the cities in which they claim to have hidden the American hostages. In two statements they said that some of the hostages, guarded by the students them-selves, had been taken to the holy city of Qom, south of Tehran, while another group had gone to Tabriz capital of the north-west province of East Azerbaijan.

The statements gave no hint fwhere the hostages would be kept in these ciries, but indicated that they would be under the supervision of the Revolutionary Guards primarily responsible for the country's internal security.

The choice of Qom was not surprising, since it is the bead-quarters of Iran's clergy, who are among the most outspoken their apposition to the

United States. "But Tabriz was a more unexterday that there will be "tem-pected location, given the pestuous opposition" to sauc-serious rioting that took place United States for that violence.

said that the hostages had been taken there to prove to Presito sow discord in the country vere useless. The students hinted at the

names of more cities where groups of the hostages had been taken would be announced later. They said yesterday that they intended to spread the hostages throughout the country to forestall a second American

It would also mean, the students said, that they would not be forced to kill the hostages if America attacked Iran a sec-

ond time. They alleged that it had been President Carter's strategy. in Iran.—A.P. Soviet missiles said to be

Delhi, April 27.—The Russians have brought ballistic missiles into Afghanistan, believed to carry nuclear warheads

aimed at Gulf

Soviet missiles Afghanistan were seen as "a counterweight to the American presence in Diego Garcia." the United States base in the Indian Ocean, The Press Trust of India (PTI) reparted.

A. PTI correspondent quoted highly placed sources" for his information. The correspondent, Mr H. N. Kaul, returned last Friday from au assignment of several weeks in Kabul.—AP. launching Friday's aborrive

mission, to force them to kill the hostages.

"What is not important for Carrer is the lives of the host tages", they said "It is important for the American Government for the American Government. ment to be saved the scandal ment to be saved the scandal of the trial of the hostages."

In a special commentary, Iran's state radio said the same thing. Noting that "Tehran is neither Enterbe nor Mogadishu," it said: "What is not important for President Carter) is the lives of the hostages, the lives of imporent

rages, the lives of innocent people and the lives of American paratroopers. The objective to take power and hold on Diplomatic sources in Tehran said that they feared the Iranians might start soon a massive

ted of having worked with the Americans on the mission. The diplomats believed the lranians were trying to estabthe Americans had planned to use was located. It is thought there must have been Iranians. the make shift bases, for the mission to have succeeded.

The students claimed vester day to have handed evidence to Ayatollah Khomeini about the involvement of local Iranians, and today Ganeral Amir Bahman Bagheri, the Air Force Commander urged a thorough search for irgnian agents of America.
Peace pledge: Mr Sadegh Qotbzadeh Iran's Foreign Minister, said in Damascus that he "expects anything" from President Carter but is committed

to solving the hostage crisis peacefully. However, he repeated his threat to cover the Gulf with oil and set it on fire if America takes military action to blockade

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Jerusalem, April 27 Mr Membersent Regist while caused by the wide formed his Cabsort inday that I viction that Irish Israel had expressed associate has been fuelled by the register of the caused has been fuelled by the caused has been fuelled by the caused has been fuelled by the cause reports in in Mr Messchen Beging the use its reto to prevent the pass-ing of last; week's. Impedi-vations Security Council sendin-tion condemning Israel, actions

in South Lebason Farael's auger will conveyed in Mr. Within Brown the American charge d'affairea aig met Mr. Begin and Mr. Yirihak. Shamir, the Foreign Minister, last Friday. Dering the meeting Mr. Begin: was thuded a message from Frendent Carter treine him to do everadum. erging him to do everything cossible to centrain Major Sasit Haddad's Christian smilitia forces from amacking . Buited

Nations troops.

Mr Begin said that he had informed America that Israe was doing all it could to realish hostilities. At the same time he "totally rejected" segges-tions that the israelis could be held responsible for the secent.

Mr Njenje is chosen for Kikuvu seat

From Our Correspondent Nairobi, April 27

60, was resterdey nominated unopposed as MP for Kikuya. his home constituency.

The Kikuyu seat became vacanciest week.

Mr Njonjo, besides being legal adviser to the Covernment. has been one of the most to Ruential figures in kenya politics. He is a strong potter of President Moi opposed mores which were designed to ensure that Mr Mos who was then Mice President did not succeed on the death of

Servet Univ voldemaru Karoliunas By Caroline Moore President Kenyatta in 1978,

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Mr Charles Nionio, who was Kenya's Attorney General Treat independence in 1983 and retired from that post on Friday on reaching the age of

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ing.
Some parties including the Romanians have expressed fears, that the meeting would be used to whip them into line

The newspaper said that those who maintained that dif-ferences in the communist movement hindered the calling of the Paris meeting should be reminded that traternal parties

Controversy over medical

From Nicholas Ashford Johannesburg, April 27

A controversy which could undermine the standing of the South African Medical and Dental Causcil has been touched off by a decision not to take disciplinary, action against three Port Elizabeth doctors who, attended Steve Biko, the Black Consciousness. leader, before his death in de-

The council's committee of preliminary investigation has ruled that there was no evidence of improper or disgraceful conduct on the part of the there was thus no needs for a disciplinary hearing. The decision still has to be ratified

The doctors concerned are

Biko it was revealed that the doctors did not report on the extent of the head injuries which resulted in his death. Nor did they try to prevent his like heath, by then desperately ill, from being driven naked some 706 miles from Port Elizabesh to Pretoria in the back of a police Land-Rover. No medical records were sent with Mr Biko to Pretoria where he died shartly after his arrival.

Many blacks and white opposition MPs feel that the router was noticically morivated. They noted that all five imaginers of investigation from the influential Afrikament. Beoedesbased cased four of them were appointed to the Medical and Dental Countil

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Neutrality guarantee for Afghanistan is sought

There is definite confirmation United States, which will supply the name of the confirmation of the confir

American hase in Diego Garcia could become a difficult in the Indian Ocean. The political position with its Arab

smaller Hercules transports neighbours, which is why receilave also been landing at Secb. events are being played down.

came to grief is marked by this airscrew from a C130 ...

but link with raid denied

The United States - Navy

cruiser docked today in Muttrah

harbour near here to refuel and

take on supplies. The vessel, bristling with electronic sur-

veillance equipment, is the first

There is speculation it might

have been involved in the sbortive American raid into-Iran, but no one will comment

officially on this touchy sub-

iect. The Government of Oman

cast to have rejected allega-

tions made in Kuwait that the

territory was used as a base for

the operation. A Foreign

blinistry spokesman realfirmed

that Oman mid not provide any.

Anti-American demonstra-

Bahrain and in Kuwait, which

has a big Palestinian popula-

to call here for over a month.

From Edward Mortimer .

Proposals for a solution to.

an the country's guaranteed its neutrality and independentiality, will be discussed at once. ext month's conference of lamic foreign minsters in ! lamaoad. They may lead to a mint approach by the Muslim rates to the United States and the Soviet Union.

Mr Habib Chatti, Secretaryceneral of the Organization of ine Islamic Conference, told ric at his headquarters in Jidich that Afghanisten would-again be the leading item on the agenda at next month's meeting. Last January an extraordinary session of the conference condemned the

Saviet intervention: This time all Muslim states will be represented, including Syria and South Yemen which Inycotted the last one, and there will certainly be a tussle --between "hard" and "soit"

But Mr Chatti hoped a cempromise would emerge based the West because they were on the neutrality of Afghanis enabling the Soviet Union to

hoth the superpowers and with its neighbours-Pakistan, Iran and China-all of which would the Afghanistan crisis, based commit themselves to respect

Mr Chatti agreed that this proposal presupposed a settleconflict and the existence of an Afghan Government with broad national support-probably a Government of National comprising elements both from the present Soviethacked regime and from the Muslim mulahidin fighting

against it. belietved a national reconcilitation could be achieved if both the United States and the Soviet Union commit themselves .to support such a solution in

Mr Charti expressed grave concern about the Iranian crisis and condemned the American attempt to rescue the hostages by force. He said such actions were not in the interests of the United States or enabling the Soviet Union to sen the situation. We excress pose as the supporter of Mustan, to be guaranteed by Aig- pose as the supporter of Mushanistan itself in a treaty with- lim states

the sacking of its counterpart: in Hyderabad. The wives and children of embassy staff, who were evacuated at that time, have still not returned, and officials of other embassies believe that, the United States action in Iran will further delay

their return. Though there was no sign of protest from the Arab population, the embassy is expected to maintain exceptionally right security today when Abu Dhabi returns to normal after the cus-

tomary Friday holiday observed throughout the Arab world. "It is no accident that Carter chose. Frida, to move , one British embassy official said. Street protests are provingent less importance to diplomats

whose main fears last night were of the political conse-quences of the American strike.

Abu Dhabi has maintained a

relatively neutral stance during

China criticizes

rescue hostages

Peking, April 27.-China, in

its first official reaction to the

abortive American attempt to

rescue the embassy hostages in

Tehran, said today that the mis-

sion violated Iran's territorial

integrity and could exacerbate

A Foreign Ministry statement expressed "hope that the US

and Iranian sides will both abide

by the norms of international

relations, act with prodence and

The statement said it. wa

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Tran over the hostages, though Shaikh Zaved, the Abu Dhabi Ruler and President of the United Arab Emirases, has spoken of the formation of an American military presence in the Gulf. By chance, the American action coincided with the visit to App. Dhabi of two lead-ing Gulf politicians, Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia and the Emir of Babrain.

Prince Abdullah was expected to press Shaikh Zayed for concerted Arab action against

the United States struggle with

Britain over the showing of the film Death of a Princese. Iran now dominate their talks, but how the complicated poli-tics of the United Arabi Emirates will be affected by the incident is unlikely to become clear until the begin-ning of next week. Saudi regrets : Saudi Arabia tonight expressed anxiety and regret over the American rescue attempt in Tran and said it was inconsistent with international

A Foreign Ministry statement in Jeddah said the kingdom views the American action as an aftront to the sovereignty of the countries of the area and as jeonardizing the areas' security and stability." - Reuter.

Moscow defend motives for Kabul intervention

From Michael Binyon Moscow, April 27

against the Afghan people. Mr Mikhail Zimvanin, a Communist Party secretary who . headed a large Soviet delegaattend ceremonies marking the second anniversary of the April revolution that brought the Afghan communists to power, said all Soviet units were acting in full -removed.

restraint and try to solve their contact with Afghan troops. differences through peaceful They are not warring against the Afghan people", he said. He added that the Soviet necessary to use diplomatic negotiations "so that no opporleadership had never expected appraval. from "imperialist reaction" for its military help " imperialist o Afghanistan, but the Soviet Union had discharged its interclearly a reference to the Soviet nationalist duty and would con-

He praised the new Afghan

ese "consider that the US Gov ernment's sanctions against Iran leadership, which was "imbued with political realism and pro-found vitality. But he said and its operation to rescue the territorial integative and sover-eignty are not helpful toward a that Alghamstan still faced solution, but would rather wor to rerel imperialist regression, overcome the resistance of the overthrown classes duction was now more and carry out progressive per cents

inue to do so.

Addressing a rally President A senior Soviet official said Babrak Karmal said Afghani this weekend in Kabul that his stan rejected any attempts to country. was not fighting use the presence of Soviet troops in his country to undermine Afghanistan's position in the non-aligned movement, and he insisted that his country

> ties" since the revolution, he attributed them mainly to the lack of a large experienced working class, "seasoned in working class, "seasoned in class bartles", the lack of trained leaders and specialists devoted to the revolution, and the absence of a strong tradi-tion of collective leadership and democratic centralism

> of a hard legacy from the past. Afghanistan had made great economic progress. The way state, cooperative and private sectors of the economy. The share in industrial duction was now more than 40

was still non-aligned. Soviet troops would be withdrawn, as agreed between the two countries, when the threat of foreign intervention was Admitting "serious difficul-

Mr Karmal said that in spite

Russia sends senior team to Paris conference stend in a leading article in

Moscow, April 27.

A senior Soviet delegation headed by Mr. Boris Pono, maryov, a candidate member of the ruling Polithuro, left for Paris today to attend a two-day conference beginning to-morrow which was called by the French and Polish com-munist parties to show soli-darity with Soviet policies.

The 'conference has been clearly directed by the Russians, who are eager to drum, up support from European communists for their actions in communists for their actions in Afghanistan. But several im-portant parties, including the Italians, Spanish and Yugos-lavs, have said they will stay

The Russians showed their

anger at these refusals to over Afghanistan.

ruling in Steve Biko case

tention in 1977

at a full meeting of the council. in October

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Peter Shaffer

The two sides of theatre's agonised perfectionist

erside Drive, New York, by the soar-span of the George Washington Bridge, ing across the broad Hudson River he lofty New Jersey Palisades, is no place for a playwright to exercise his L. Peter Shaffer, creater of The Royal it of the Sun and Equus, long a trans-atic commuter and Manhattan familiar, helping to cast the American pre-e of his Amadeus, finds his territorial

erences changing.
For the moment this is still my main For the moment this is still my main. I am always on the move, I think ay change again. Although I spend a if time in England, I miss my roots a One goes through cycles in life in h this happens. I have a nice flat looking the Hudson and most of the orabilia, not all of them. My family London and I want to spend much time there now.

time there now.
used to find America more stimulatused to find America more stimularI don't any more. When I was younger
i because New York excited me. I
it a marvellous contrast to England.
e rise balance of the extraordinary
i electricity of New York and the
und experience of the English counle. I commute in my mind from one
e other. Now, partly because I think
ity has deteriorated a lot, got nastier,
because I am older, I am much
inclined to England on a full time

ne boy in Equus grew out of a feelnat for a lot of people in suburban
nd life has gone flat. It is what one
on all sides—'England is not what
it to be, life is savourless, people feel
nted by its relentless prosaicism'. I
feel this about England all the time e I am immensely patriotic and tely fond of England. It is quite the greatest country in the world e it embraces and allows to happen diversity of experience than any

m passionately devoted particularly English countryside, much more Lordon, and I am devoted to the of English telerance and letting happen without instantly making of them. It is not the victim, like other countries, of violent mass ents, nor the victim of sociologists, opists and psychiatrists. It allows ividual experience and respects and

recent years many bitter elements irfaced that weren't there before, satro, as well as other centres of ere very much, from time to tominated by minimisers of life inen maximisers.

land is the best place for a playto be because there has always passionate devotion to drama and profundity of acting in the English er. There is always some slight of self-consciousness about other

s. We, a so-called self-conscious have had no difficulty ever in a would have thought would be at self-conscious activity in the parting. It may be a form of hiding,

s are the walking encyclopaedias in experience. They dig into them find their psyche. We have it is village hall right up to the Theatre. In England we have vanted to here a go at acting, i the art of acting and indeed of writing for the theatre. been very lucky because I have

for a long time at the National I've done four plays with them. know whether I am their most I modern playwright, but I must of them and I ask myself where Sthe world could I get Amadeus I in so huge and marvellous space huge and marvellous company, t degree of panache and belief mitment and skill ... nowhere, was when we created Royal Hunt m and Equus. I find that terribly t. I get very sogry when people England provides for the thead musical artist, for the writing

scause it's a country which still irds very seriously. It's a virtual compared with other countries." r is of medium height, with a egular face, headlamp glasses and of cropped grey bair. His attire sive bohemian—check trousers, a schmere sweater, blue blazer and Ekle hoots, A houndstooth British matching deerstalker must catch hattan eye. He has an eager way and looking into the middle distore the next corrential sequence

and this

pearance and background belie ent in his young life. For three im 1944-47, he was a Bevin boy: was a property company direcrth countryman. My mother came onport. They lived in Blackpool Liverpool. We were there until ne. I went to prep school there we a'l moved to London in were in London for a couple Then the war came and from t on we were peripateric. I went

an exhibition to Trinity from but I couldn't take it up until ne my service. Bevin boys were on the basis of the last number o numbers of their identity card an alternative form of conscripppose like most boys of that age rather have been a soldier then a coalmine, but it was not to be. id myself one day doing PT and ning on Pontefract racecourse. day I was down a mine, being the mysteries of haulage. and a holf years I was down Fiery in Kent I can't say it was I worked some of it underut my eyes are very bad and I up on the surface doing That involved emptying 10 ton carbide and rock, very good for les, not very good particularly ing else. It must have been a ed because I finally got a duo-

iree years in coalmining gave in contemplating how a lot of to spend their lives.

ead history at Trinity, involuthe research work in his epic id helped his twin brother later a barrister and fellow playedit Granta. At the age of 15 he en an article for the Musical breakthrough came only after pusty desk jobs in New York and

e down from Cambridge in 1951 sequired many American friends y years there. I was always see America, very fascinated by



America, i feit myself to be unemployable in England.

"I knew it had something to do with literature, something indeed to do with the theatre, but I think I was a Puritan of an extreme kind. By that I mean that somehow along the line I had absorbed the belief that if I really wanted to do something the desire for example. thing, the theatre for example—I was pas-sionately devoted to the theatre—that was somehow frivolous and wrong and bad for me. I should do something respectible and the theatre in my snare time. As a result the theatre in my spare time. As a result I think I denied myself the pleasure of

writing plays for a very long time. Foolish, very foolish.

"First of all I sold books in Doubleday's shop. I worked in the airlines terminal. I worked in Grand Central Station, in a department store, Lord & Taylors, and then I moved to the New York public library in the acquisitions department. That meant that I ordered books for the library, a slightly boring job, in fact a very boring job, because you simply copy ritles out of catalogues. I soon discovered after a year or so that the librarian's life was not for me. It's much too orderly and

"I wrote my first play under the blotter at the same time, called The Salt Land, about Israel. I lived at that time in what was then celled, and still may be for all I know, Hell's Kitchen, which is quite a grim part of the city on West 37th Street, between 9th and 10th.

"I wouldn't want to repeat the experi-ence, but I don't think it was particularly

dangerous in those days. It was just rather desperate and rather ugly and dirty.

"When I returned to England I worked as literary critic for Truth and earned a living at Boosey & Hawkes, the music publishers. I got a job for £10 a week in the symphonic department. I was happy there, working with material I understood and the feeling of being relatively useless and unamplovable began to vanish a bit.

"I was working for two very impressive

men at that time. One was Erwin Stein, who is the father of Marion Thorpe, a lovely old gentleman, and the other was Dr Ernst Roth. At one time I think he had been private secretary to Richard Strauss. been private sections to the took me He was a marvellous man and he took me aside one day after I had been doing. I have constantors work and said: You know, the sad thing is that music publishing as such is very much on the deckne.

The real money in the firm comes from the brass band side."

"One of the partners offered me a job in the brass band factory at Edgware. I had a long think and thought no. I didn't see my future in terms of a factory making. brass band instruments in Edgware or in-

brass band instruments in Edgware of Indeed anywhere else. So I resigned and said
well, I'll live now on my literary wits.

"I sat down and wrote a play. Five Finger Exercise, and sent it to a girl I knew
who worked for H. M. Tennaut. It ended
up on the desk of John Perry, a director
of Tennants. This took about six months.
I had virtually forgonen all about it, then
are dear I get a phone call from this one day I got a phone call from John Perry asking to go and see him. In those days they had offices in the Globe Theatre, in that circular bit, in Shaftesbury Avenue. He said, 'would John Gielgud suit you as

I was tremendously in awe of Glelgud. One of my earliest recollections of the rheatre was seeing him acting Richard II rheatre was seeing him acting the falled at the Golders Green Hippodrome, and he filled me with a tremendous desire to write for the theatre. I asked John Perry if this meant he was going to do it and he said of course, or I wouldn't be there.

"We opened at the Comedy Theatre in 1000 and it was I'm glad to say, a huge we opened at the comedy fuestre in 1958 and it was, I'm glad to say, a huge overnight success, one of those things one sometimes reads about. I was started and it seemed there was no going back, that I was a playwright."

Sometimes it seems as if there are two playwrights in Peter Shaffer, one engaged in the agonized probing of the human soul in Royal Hunt of the Sun. Equus and Amadeus and the other producing hilarious flights of farce like Private Early Bulle Fire and Black Comedia. and Public Eye and Black Comedy.

These are two sides of me, and one is a relief from the other. It began with Royal Hunt of the Sun. It was a theatre of ritual and masks and cries and ritual of ritual and masks and cries and ritual magic, incorporating music. So did Equus and so did Amadeus, contrasted with a tremendous pleasure I have always had

in farce, which again is a form of gestural theatre.

"Black Comedy is almost all gesture.
You could almost put plate glass between the audience and the stage and still some thing comic would emerge from the acted play. I love high comedy and I love farce and I would love to do more of it. In fact I intend to do more. It is very important to write comedy. It is very hard and it seems to me that it requires almost more

discipline than the questing plays.
"It was the Chinese who thought of the idea behind Black Comedy. I went once to the Pelace Theatre in London and saw the Peking Opera. They did an excerpt from a play called Where Three Roads Meet. The sequence they offered was a scene in a lodging house at night where a warrior lays himself down to sleep-it is wordless; this particular scene—and a

bandit creeps through a window.

"It is supposed to be pitch darkness, o Times Newspapers Limited, 1980.....

except it is all done in brilliant light, light so ferocious that it almost suggests durkness. The warrior gropes for his sword and challenges the intruder. They fight with swords 20 sharp they seemed, if I recall, to cut little bits off the fringes of their clothing. Real swords.

The effect on the audience was extraordinary, because it was wildly funny and wildly dangerous as well as they also show the same and a state of the same and the same are same as well as the same are same as the same are same as well as t

wildly dangerous as well, so that they were

caught between two emotions of alarm and delight.

"Two things struck ma. First af all, if high comedy is akin to drama, farce is akin to melodrama. All those great farces of Feydeau are concerned with extremely dramatic situations. Open that door and your marriage is at an end, there's no two ways about it. If you open that drawer, you are ruined. And the other thing that struck me was that I would very much like to use that convention of reverse light and darkness for an English comedy. I talked it over with John Dexter, who had been my director on Royal Hunt of the Sun and was again on Equus, and he was very encouraging and said: 'it's a marvellous idea, you must do it'.

"I was depressed because I couldn't get it going. The problem was that, although funny, it seemed to me to be the kind of idea that would be good for a revue sketch, idea that would be good for a revue sketch, but it couldn't possibly stretch, couldn't last. First of all, there was no way that situation could obtain realistically for more than a few minutes. They wouldn't just situates in the dark. Someone would produce candles. If they didn't have candles there would be some other thing, a torch. If it all failed they would simply abandon the evening.

thinking I wish I'd never agreed to do it, someone from the National Theatre rang up and said: 'We've appounces your new play and we've already got a terrific response at the box office. You must be very pleased. I looked down at my desk at what had been advertised and what the public was apparently responding to so nicely and it was just two pieces of paper, one covered with tomato soup and the other which I had just torn up.

"I suddenly thought well, of course, the only way this can work is if there is some body in that room, preferable the semi-

body in that room; preferably the bost, who has a reason for keeping those people there and in the dark. "I thought what could it be-obviously

the is stolen something. What if he had stolen some furniture from next door, from a neighbour who was away and who mexpectedly returns? Obviously before he can put the light on or get some help he's not to frustrate everybody allow. he's got to frustrate everybody else's attempts to light the room until he's got whatever it was out of the room.

"Suddenly I had the real farce idea,

which is not just one or two objects, but the furniture in the room and it all has to be moved our without suybody knowing. I remember the idea and just lying there laughing. I think the gods were kind about that one."

were kind about that one.

The two major historical plays, Royal

Hunt of the Sun and Amadeus, required an immense amount of reading to get the whole context together. The central core of both, and indeed of Equus, is an agonized insight into the workings of the human soul, his recognition of divine in-spiration in character. What brings him to this?

spiration in character. What brings him to this?

"If I could really answer that I suppose I wouldn't be writing plays any more. I would have worked that out. There is in me a continuous tension between what I suppose I could loosely call the Apollonian and the Dionysiac sides of interpreting life, between, cay, Dysart and Alan Strang.

"It immediately begins to sound high falutin', when one talks about it oneself—I don't really see it in those dry intellectual terms. I just feel in myself that there is a constant debate going on between the

is a constant debate going on between the violence of instinct on the one band and the desire in my mind for order and restraint. Between the secular side of me the fact that I have never actually been able to buy anything of official religion—and the in-escrepable fact that to me a life without a sense of the divine is perfectly meaningduction-block 1.4 litre power unit used by BMW in the 1979 German Sports Car Championship, has also been the subject of negotiations with the French Taibor company, who had been expected to develop their own version of the design. However, it appears that these discussions have been shelved. The future of both turbocharged and normally aspirated engines in, grand prix racing now seems to be assured following the confirmation by the recent FISA plenary conference that from 1983 a new formula one will come into effect based on a fuel-efficiency formula controlled by a fuel-flow meter. The precise rate of tuel flow has yet to be amounced.

The Weybridge driver. Tiff Needell, aged 28, gets his formula one chance next weekend as replacement for the injured Clay Regazzoni in the Ensign team for the Belgian grand prix at Zolder. Needell will be testing the car in England today

I love that word playwright, particularly wright—it suggests a wheelwright or cartwright, a man with a hammer, hammering out a solid structure, and I've always tried to do that. I like to bury all my labour and effort so that its appears to he affortless

appears to be effortless.

"I would like my next play to be a comedy. If this isn't too tautological, one that unifies and counteracts the impression of there being two kinds of plays

ment I write:

"People who quite like one's work but want to put it down a bit say well, it's very theatrical, of course." I always find that very odd. It's almost as if you are making a pejorative remark about a painter by saying of course it's painterly.

"My quarrel with a lot of. London is that it's not theatrical enough, it does not use the medlum of theatre nearly enough. I am fired of seeing a one-set enough. I am tired of seeing a one-se play with two people whining at each other all night or delivering a sequence of lectures to the audience. It doesn't seem to me to be what the theatre is for.

Brian Connell

SPORT.

Ballesteros excels under another kind of pressure

From Peter Ryde
Madrid, April 27
Severiano Ballesteros won the
Madrid Open by three strokes
from his friend and compatriot,
Manuel Pinero; today. His final
round of 69 gave him a total of
270, 18 under par, five strokes
better: than the previous record
total for the Puerta de Hierro
course. It was a fine follow-up to
this victory in the United States
Masters, More often than not, that
victory causes players to disappear
from the scene for months, so
much happens in the wake of victory. It says much for the poise
of the 23-year-old Spaniard that
he could cross the Atlantic and
win again, not under the same
pressure, but ander 2 different
kind of pressure, with much
greater, involvement with the
crowd.

He collected [11.000 from the

crowd.

He collected £11.000 from the week's work, more than half of ir in appearance money, but although I am opposed to the idea of it, no one would begrudge it him today. The change in cuthusasm for the tournament compared with the past is due entirely to one

the past is due entirely to one man.

The nearest Briton finished 13 strokes behind the winner, in the person of Philip Elson, who scored a final 63. One South African, Price, finished ahead of him in third place, one, Bland, level with him, and one, Watson, just behind him. The strong showing of the South Africans behind the leaders here no doubt owed something to the heavy pap on greens which needed careful reading.

Jacklin, ou 285, had a chance to catch Elson, but hit the ball twice with a tap-in putt of less than one foot, and took six at the last. The club, noted for its dignity and calm, was turned into a babel of people at the finish, cheering the young Spaniard, who looked moved and tired, as well he might. I doubt if the crowds were as large on the last day as on the previous two, but they were bigger than anything known here, with one hour at least of television on the last two days. Ballesteros began the day four strokes ahead of Finero and 11 clear of the nearest Briton, Jacklin. He had started his third round by dropping strokes at the first two holes before beginning a run

by dropping strokes at the first two boles before beginning a run of four hirdies at the third. It was important for him today to make a sound start, for the pressure on him was of a different kind from Augusta, but no less challenging.

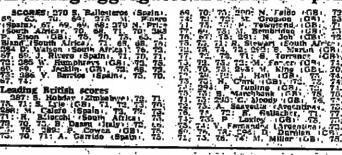
Ballesteros: soaking up the pressure on way-to victory.

At the third, the gap narraged to three when he booked his drive, and for once, could not extricate himself well enough to make par. Thereafter, he appeared more cautions off the tes, taking a one iron at the fourth, seventh and winth. At the fifth, where the other two struggled in vain to reach the green, Bullesteros was 18ft behind the stick with a four wood. But Pinero continued to hang opto the flying coat rails, boling bravely from more than 20ft to match the other's birdle. They exchanged birdles at the seventh and eighth, and with nine holes to play, Ballesteros was four ahead again. But Pinero made his

birdle at the 13th, closing the gap to three for the third time, and then, at the 15th, came, his ham-mer blow eagle with a three-wood second to 12ft.

Now the pressure was fully on the British Open and United States Alasters champion, but he come back in characteristic fashion at the next hole. With a tree between him and the pln, he had to bend the shot some 40 yards to bend the shot some 40 yards in the air with a seven iron. The ball stopped 12ft away and he holed for a hirde. Pinero took three putts to be one over par for the hole and the shot his hole has a warm a difficult and the hole has a trait a difficult in the hole has a

Leading aggregates in Madrid Open



Squash rackets ...

Brighton run kept open after many appeals

By Clive White

Brighton won the Banbury Trophy, the men's national club championship, for the fourth time in the last six years on Saturday at Wembley Squash Centre. The final was fiercely contested by York until the deciding rubber, which was a runaway success for Philip Ayton, the former leading England ameteur.

Philip Ayton, the former leading England amateur.

The tropby's destination hinged on the match between the number fours: John Lee, of York, and Michael Westrup, the Brighton captain. It was littered with appeals the outcome of which seldom pleased the fretful Lee, who was chief protester. During the rest periods he would circle. the rest periods he would circle the tourt like's caged linn pondering his misfortunes while the 35-year-old Westrup got on with putting his feet up.
Lee stood at 9-7, 1-9, 9-8

Lee stood at 9-7. 1-9, 3-8.
and his club at two matches to
one up-when an appeal for a let
went against him. York's aspirations of avenging their defeat by
Brighton in this final three years
ago ended there. Lee then put
into the tin bamely and fained with
amother appeal on game point.
Westrup is a fighter, making up
for the Yorkshire spirit his oppo-

ment lacked, and showing strength under pressure kept on for victory.

Ian Nintall is the archetypal Yorkshireman, but he needed more qualities than that to trouble the 22-year-old Andrew Dwyer, England's No 2. Though his club trailed precariously at 0—2 he wept serenely about his business as though he was picking flowers rather than tangling with a verrier in a stuffy pit. He gradually wore diwn Nuttall, one of the game's great retrievers.

Though York had admitted defeat before the final rubber few could have envisaged that it world be so emphatic. The bespectacled Ayton, now 33 and No 4-ip England, plotted the angles like a mathematics professor. He

spectacled Ayton, now 33 and No 4 in England, plotted the angles like a mathematics professor. He treated us to a demonstration of reaced us to a demonstration of textbook squash as he modestly and meticulously destroyed the game of Chris Wilson, a powerful Scottish international. Ayton had him scurrying to all four corners of the court like a demented man-servant. servant. When bad no counter to a per-

fect mixture of the lob and finely. controlled short, drop volley. It was cleanly fought and clear cut; there was not even a let, which was undisputed, until 5-1. With

a game in doing so.

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Rackets

Boon bestrides the new and old worlds

By Roy McKelvie
Only briefly did William Boon and Randeil Crawley, a new team this season, falter while winning the amateur rackets doubles championship at Queen's Club yesferday. They beat the bolders, Howard Angus and Andrew Milne, by 15—3, 15—12, 15—5, 12—15, 15—5 in the final round to become the first pair to hold simulthe first pair to hold simultaneously the titles of this country, United States and Canada.

The moment of doubt in a match of the highest quality came when Boon, the outstanding planes. Boon, the outstanding player, was serving at the start of the fourth

BMW to supply.

with engines

By John Blunsden

BMW, the Munich-based car
manufacturers, have announced a
three-year courract with the
Brabham formola one ream forthe supply of a series of 11-three
four-cylinder purbocharged engines
for use in grand prix racing.
Brabham will have exclusive use
of the engines in 1983, but BMW
will be free to sell them to other
teams from 1982 onwards.

The formula one engine which
will be dereloped from the production-block 1.4 litre power unit
used by BMW in the 1979 German
Sports Car Championship, has also
been the subject of negotiations

Motor racing

Brabham

Parlov retires

Belgrade, April 27.—Mate Parlov, of Yugoslavia, the former void light-heavyweight champion, has retired after failing to suage a comeback as World Boxing Coun-

cll cruiserweight champion as Marvin Camel, of the U States, last month.—Reuter.

same: Like a racht with its sails full of wind, he headed for home with an irrestatible burst of serving and play that look his side to 6—0. At the next point Crawley, with the court virtually at his mercy, attempted an exaggerated drop shot and missed.

The effect was the same as if the breeze had suddenly died down Augus and Milite took the only chance they had of prolonging the match, then Crawley, coming in to serve at 5—5 in the fifth game, made up for his deviation with an excellent run of 10, including four service aces.

Many of the railies, particularly in the early part of the match, were splendidly played. Boon was the dominant character and Crawley, until he began to make a few unforced errors early in the second game, bit many strokes with all the sweemess of a Tom Graveney. Milne was the many Graveney. Milne was the main larger of attack, and held-his own in the second game until he made a forehend error at 12—13 that cost his side the service box.

FINAL ROUND: W. R. Boon and R. A. Crawley best H. R. Anbus and A. G. Müge. 18—3. 15—12. 15—5.

Equestrianism

Mrs Loriston-Clarke has third dressage success

Dutch Courage, the stallion she bought in The Netherlands as a brught in The Netherlands as a stree-year-old, schieved a magnificent grand slam of successes at the Toyota international dressage championships which ended at Goodwood yesterday. On Friday she won the intermediate by 34 points, on Saturday she took the grand prix by 64 points, and yesterday she completed her third victory with the grand prix special, which she won by 40 points. On each occasion her runger-up was Georg Theodescoru, the distinguished West German.

Mrs Loriston-Clarke, who has pursued a successful career in the show ring from the days just the war when she rode 12-2 d pomies, attained fame in derearliest years by her exploits on the Exmoor pony Skipper, who carried her to victory in open hunter trials in Dorset, where he consistently deferred herees to carried het to victory in open hunter trials in Dorset, where he consistently defeated horses to whom he was giving away three and four hands in height, as well as carrying her brilliantly, in the hunting field. She began doing dressage on her champion show hatk, Desert Storm, who was by no means temperamentally suited to the exercise and when she achieved her first success at the Royal Windsor Horse Show. I recall her father. Colonel Bullen, telling he that none of the ladies she had besten gave her so much as a smile, far less a word of congratulations. But she persevered, first with the German-bred Kadett and then with Dutch Courage, on whom, two years ago, she word a bronze medal in the world championships.

She is now only the third

She is now only the third British rider to wdin an inter-national grand prix, the others

By Pamela Macgregor Morris

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Being Mrs P. J. Gold and Mrs.

Robert Hall. It only remains to add that she was one of the first to declare her determination not the company of the first to declare her determination not the company. to declare her determination nonto compete in the Olympic Games
in Moscow, though she must have
stood an excellent chance of winning a medal. Her sister, Jane
Holderness-Roddam, with a team
gold medal in the 1958 Olympic
three-day event in Mexico, and
her brother, Michael, rode in the
1960 three-day event in Rome.

Running contents

Running concurrently at Bicton in Devon where the Midfaind Bank horse trials, organized so well by Major and Mrs Strachan, whose daughter Clarissa belped to win the European championship in 1977. The advanced class yesterday was won by Alison Hough with Sprackcliff, a 13-year-old who did well to defeat Mark Todd of New Zealand, the Badminton winner, on Jocasta, and Eric Horgan from Ireland on his Punchestown and Grookham winner, Pouroon. He is staying with "Tub" Ivens in Buckinghamshire and has also asked the selectors not to consider him for Moscow.

Captain Mark Phillips was un-placed on the British Equestrian-Federation's Rough and Tough— who was prone to fall with his former owner, Brynley Powell— but he won the novice regional trial with the Range Rover team's Town and Country: at the expense trial with the Range Rover team's Town and Country, at the expense of Ann Backhouse, the former European show jumping champion, on Grain Fair. Princess Anne was unable in ride as she is suffering from Joffmenza.

RESULTS: Midland Earls Advanced
Harse Trial: 1, Miss A, Rough a Sprackchiff, 52 penaities (50 dregsage, 5 showjumping, 0 cross country jamping, 17
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Matheson's splendid win will lift **British**

From Jim Railton

Mannheim, April 27 While the Soviet Union, pre-dictably, dominated the Mannheim international regatta over the weekend, the British made more than their presence felt. Britain's frustration, after a massive haul of second and third places from 34 finalists over the weekend, was the need to win a tan event. It the need to win a top event. It came at last at the very end of the regatta when a well-known loner from Nottingham broke the spell with a precious win.

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As the British ream was about to leave, Hugh Matheson stormed down this dockland basin course to take the single sculls. Matheson, with almost a length to spare, crossed the line ahead of the Czeen veteran, Lacina, and the 10.1681a. Stanulov, ranked ninha in the world last year. Into victory was not sample out samenow, from a British out samenow, from a British boint of view, it was well-needed and surely a paychological boost to the British team's next international appearance in Essen in

But the British selectors face problems and time is running out. The most disappointing performance of the weakend was that of Clark and Ballicu in the double sculls. They sinished fourth on Saturday and third today. The problems are tecanical. Someons to marriage of a talenced or sman and a gifted sculler are not working out. While they rated high off the start, the field today left them in their wake. The British double is somehow working against itself and a complete reappraisal of rig and approach scenis necessity.

The national training team coxed four over the weekend made it a 3-0 victory over Kingston, who last year carried the day in the World enampionships and fluished a very creditable seventh. Losay again it was less than a length between the two crews. But sarrly now the matter is action. But sarrly n But the British selectors face

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Justice at least was seen to be done today with the second place gained by Britain's consistent coxiess pair, Carmhicael and Wiggin. On Saturday, in a sudden ocath situation with only one crew qualifying for the float, the British pair can headlong in their heat against the world silver medal wilders—the Pimenov brothers from the Soviet Union. They finished second, and second overall in time in the beats by 10 seconds—over three lengths. But today, although the sun old not shine on the course; the British pair waited through to the finals and Unished second to the Russiars, despite not putting it all lugging in their tinishing sprint. Carmichael and Wiggin have more to give

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Record prices paid for American paintings at New York auction

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent American collectors and dealers surpassed themselves in hidding American paintings of the nineteenth and early twentieth century to record levels at Sotheby Parke Bernot in New York on Friday.

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any painting of the wild west was established when a New Mexico dealer paid \$300,000 festimate \$100,000 to \$150,000, or £131,579, for a moody land-scape, "Indian Encampment, Late Afternoon" by Athert Bierstadt, dated 1862.

That surprise I the auctioneers who had expected to best the record with an early twentieth century work. Charles Marion Russell's "The War Party", a group of Indian warriors gathered on a hill: it sold for \$250,000 testimate \$260,000 to \$350,000, or £109,649, to a St Louis decler, establishing an auction record for the artist. A record was set for work of the American impressionists school when "October Sun-down Newport", by Frederick Childe Hassam dated 1901, sold for \$205.000 lestimate \$80.000 to \$120.000, or £89.912.

Sotheby's had estimated two other Hassam paintings at \$100,000 to \$125,000: "Union Square" of 1892, which sold for \$190,000, or £83,323; and "August Afternoon, Appledore, Maine" of 1900, which made \$145,000, or £63,596.

An auction record for an American watercolour was established when Winslow Homer's "Orange Trees and Gate" of 1865 made \$165,000 restimate \$75,000 to \$100,0001, or £72,368. And an auction record for the work of an American woman artist was set when Georgia O'Keeffe's "Autumn Leaves 2", painted in 1927, made \$175,000 (estimate

\$100,000 to \$150,000), or £76,754 On Saturday Sotheby's were offering fine English furniture in New York, As in London it was the items of exceptional quality that were most strongly

An exotically veneered Queen Anne inlaid and stained mul-berrywood double-domed bureau bookcase, attributed to G. Coxed and T. Worster, and dated to around 1715, sold for \$43,000 (estimate \$25,000 to \$35,000), or £21,052. while Paper, Wilnesses: The Chancellor of the Exchanger, Room 18, 1, 13 pm. Temportow: Extrement. Subject: Council house sales. Wilnesses: Leeds Cary Changel, Room 19, 4, 15 pm. Victuesday: Education, Science Aris Subject: Room 19, 4, 15 pm. Victuesday: Education, Science Aris Subject: Education, Science Aris Subject: Holmani, Subject: Rolled Aris Subject: Wilnesses: Asile. Room 6, 10, 30 am. Wilnesses: Asile. Room 6, 10, 30 am. Wilnesses: Asile. Room 6, 10, 30 am. Wilnesses: Males Room 1 pm. 10 am Converses Males Room 1 am Converses Ma

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The delights of Norfolk

Juns and Hardours of North Nor-folk. By Phil Drackett, It is often folk. By Phil Drackett. It is often claimed, in a far from disparaging 20 years into one of the largest way, that one of the many delights of Norfolk, or at any rate large Tale farm is still a working farm, parts of it, is that it has not caught up with the pace of life cisewhere. One hopes it never will. But that is not to say it is a county that has not witnessed change. Many of the largest and five boys to tend in the days not witnessed change. Many of the largest and five boys to tend in the days of the owner's grandfather. In a fascinating account, illustrated to the north Norfolk coast have declined in the volume of trade or fishing handled: the cargoes arriving there nowadays are human arriving by and village life. led: the cargoes arriving there nowadays are human arriving by read in the form of tourists. Many road in the form of tourists. Many of the inns about which he writes authoritatively have also changed, as small local breweries have been swallowed by thirsty national giants. It is consoling news, however, that the number of free houses has greatly increased recently and that some of the larger brewers, under regional names, are producing more palatable refreshproducing more palatable refresh-ment. The author has not confined his description entirely to the luns and harbours of the title; he in-cludes much useful information about churches and other buildings in the towns and villages along the coast he knows so well. It is all packed, into a book whose size allows it to fit comfortably into a allows it to fit comfortably into a procket. No visitor to those parts should be without it.

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Pakula: the director as catalyst

Considering that 50 per cent of Californian marriages end in the courts, it has taken Hollywood a long time to luck at the courts of divorces wood a long time to lunk at the real emotions of divorce. James L. Brooks, scriptwriter of Starting Over, the film about a divorce-damaged suitor which has recently opened in London, invited Alan J. Pakula and direct a circular tension five to direct a similar script five years ago. Brooks was one of the founder writers of the Mary Tyler Moore Show, a cult Mary Tyler Moore Show, a cult comedy in the United States, still writing light-hearted and award-winning television, and unhappily divorced. Pakula turned him down with some words of encouragement as a fellow divorce, "I had just gotten remarried so I told him true happiness might be just around the corner." The idea struck home, for Brooks telephoned Pakula out of the blue when he came across it again in the novel Stateing Over.

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Pakula was cautiously in-terested. "I said let's work on it and see. I wanted to do a film about men and women without the agonizing and the angst. I didn't want it to be the story of a bitchy wife or a neurotic man whose marriage breaks up because of those traits. Burr Reynolds plays a simple man who is a kind of anachronism because in the Thirties and Forties he would be married to Candy Bergen and live happily ever after. But in a time of different expectations, where the rela-tions between the sexes are more complex and what they expect of each other is more hazy, the marriage founders." But Pakula had no idea whom to cast in the part which went to Reynolds. "In the old days I could have gone with

Hick Fonds or Jimmy Stewart in a different way. I knew everybody was wrong for this grass roots American man. He had to be post-Brando, quite the opposite of Woody Allen's classic, urban, sensitive, intellectual neurotic, he hud to have comic skills. Burt's agent gave him the script and he sid he wanted to do it. He and I skirted each other and screened each other for the screened each other for the longest time. He was trying to convince me he was serious in his work. It never occurred to me that he wasn't, but we thought we came from different worlds."

Pakula, an extremely youthful 52, is a former studio executive who majored in drama at Yale, one of a band of articu-Yale, one of a band of articulation, then what is funny about the graduates who seem flattered by the attentions of Hollywood yet have hidden survival qualities. For 10 years he failed to persuade anybody he could direct, "You may not be what your father does in Hollywood him was about this. He likes pictures to appare the seem what your OYALTY THEATRE, KINGAWAY, WCI. 40S 8004. Opens May 22 at 7.00. Reduced price previews from May 14th, Sub Evgs 7.30, Mats Wed & Set 3.0. wood, but you are what you go very fast so he was pretty are and I was a producer. I nervous. People said I would kept saying I only got this job never get him to do a lot of as a producer so I could takes because he didn't work



hecause actors." work with actors." Finally he got his chance to direct Liza Minell in The Sterile Cuckon, and made his point about actors when Jane Fonda won an Academy Award in Riute. As a veteran of several Yale productions Pakula had a low opinion of his own acting skills. He is still staristruck after 30 years in the business.

"Burt is a wonderful comic actor and one of the most skilled people I have ever worked with I started by saying: 'What sort of film do you see in this?' He said the part was closer to who be thought he was then anything he had ever played. Eurt has also been divorced. I was hesitant. I thought it is one thing if it is comedy but if it is going to be camped up it will really fall apart. The comedy has to come out of simple reakty. I always start from reality.

" First I shoot the real situation, then what is funny about the situation, then sometimes

take the chance, and the very first day of rchearsal I knew he was committed and that he he was committed and that he tried hard and was very inventive. He also likes working with his fellow actors, which impressed me. I like working with actors who work from each other. If you want to change one performance you change what the other actor is doing and they should respond differently. There are actors whose whole conception of the part is so engraven on their part is so engraven on their mind that, if you change the other actor from a 35-year-old noman to a four-year-old boy and write an earthquake into the scene, they go right ahead and do what they were doing

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in pale watercolours. The James Mason character in her

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own tavourte film (Autonio-graphy of a Princess, BBC 2, Saturday) apparently spoke for her in his eventual disen-chantment with India. It is interesting to speculate

how Bernard Levin would write about India if he actually had

to live there. The first of The Levin Interviews (BBC 2, Satur-

good work happens that way. What comes out of the director's cult is self-conscious pre-tension, thinking of yourself as an Artist making Art."

Perhaps to avoid any such cult—though also to avoid the expected earthquake-Pakula has now moved back from California, to New York, where, being among writers, he has started to write between films. In his old age he anticipates wanting to be a novelist again, but he is still hooked on the gregariousness of filming and the chameleon existence it

The Blues Band

The latest of the seemingly endless revivals of Rhythm and Elues is in full steam. On Friday night a few bundred mid-night scholars gathered at the King's Road-side to jump around, clap and sing along until they almost dropped, to the manic music of The Blues Ruth Prawer Jhabvala would die rather than go back to her roots, since these were in Nazi Germany. In the roots of an extended interview broadcast last night (An Experience of India, BBC 2) this sweet, rather sad woman talked about her cultural wanderings and about the way these had forced-fed Band. Paul Jones, the actor, singer and harmonica player, singer and harmonica player, organized this quinter just a year ago. Teaming up with a fellow veteran of Manfred Mann, circa 1964, the guitarist-singer Tom McGuinness. Jones recruited three adpet sidemen. The Blues Band appears dedi-

cated to the proposition that every night is New Year's Eve. However mired in trouble and plaint are the roots of their material, they delived nothing but a joyful roar, shouting over the riffs of heavily amplified instruments to a sledgehammer beat. The songs-from such Delta and Chicago stalwarts as Sleepy John Esges, Son House, Chuck Berry, Muddy Waters and Willie Dixon-may have the pating of convention and cliche, but they are never dell

pating of convention and clicke, but they are never dull.
"Death Letter" was a showpiece for Dave Kelly's "Bottleneck" slide guitar, which resonafed with rich vibrato. "Come
On In" was an idiomatic
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gritty mouth harn victuality Thunderbirds do with more sly humour.

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"When I made All the President's Men Bill Woodward said the excitement of reporting was to come into other peoples' lives at the most intense point, live them for six months and then leave. My father, who was in the printing business which is why I don't think every good director should was some sort of insanely important work with every good actor. In the old days you had no choice. If they said Lana Turocach year, I would find that the printing to the cach year, I would find that the printing to the cach year. I would find that the cach year.

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that highlighted Jones's soaring, gritty mouth-harp virtuosity. McGuinness's guitar breaks, Hughie Flint's drumming and bass work by Gary Fletcher showed how the blues went to town and became, technically adventurous. Of newer additions to their repertory, "Everything Down on Me" threw off a lot of sparks. The band has a potential hit in "Maggie's Farm", dedicated to "Our Leader" as a protest song with a fantastic protest song with a fantastic vocal antiphony against drums at its climax. A rare weak-moment was: "Scratch My-Back", which The Fabulous

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There has been a deplorable increase in geography in the five years since the last edi-tion. New countries, new names, new roads, new reservoirs and dams, new imaginary lines between nations, separating the imaginary rights of one from the imaginary rights of the other. More than 25,000 changes have been made in the Atlas to reflect these changes: shall never walk through the Rift Valley, alas and dammit. But it is a comfort that the cartographers of the learned house of John Bartholomew have altered the tracks so that our imaginations can stroll freely through the El Barta

Plains. The biggest change is that the Times Atlas has taken the plunge, and gone over from the Wade-Giles system to Pinyin for the transcription of the 7,000 names in mainland China into the Roman alphabet. Pinyin was launched in 1958, but little was done in China until recently to make the change. Now that it has been widely adopted, the Bible of atlases, which contains more Chinese names than any other world atlas, has given its imprimatur to the change.

This is all very well. Standardization is indeed a virtue in spelling. But some of the old Wades-Giles reoderings are

potent incantations in the English linguage. No doubt Beijing and Guangzhou are closer to the Chinese pronunciations. But I do not think that they will ever replace Peking and Canton as the way that English-speakers transcribe and pronounce the names of those great cities. The Jesuit mission sries' spelling of Peking has been part of English since the chinoiserie craze of the eighteenth century.

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our obstinate way in saying Germany, and Athens, and Jaffa, and Bryssels, and Mos-

From today The Times is expanding its Arts page to include a daily literary feature. This will usually be a major review of an important new book. Over the next few days Edward Reath will review Richard Nixon's The Real War, P. D. James will review a new book about Agatha Christie, Alex Moulton will write about the history of technology and F. H. Lawson will review The

cow, regardless of the fact that the ignorant natives pronounce and spell those places quite

Oxford Companion to Law.

Pace the didacticism of the Times Atlas, I dare say that I shall continue to call the place Tibet rather than Xizang Zizhiqu. Of course, crossreferences to the old spellings have been kept in the index, and the better-known old names have been retained on the maps, quarantined

After accuracy, comprehen siveness, and clarity in delin-earing the world on paper, besuty is a virtue in atlases. The new edition has intro-duced two new colours to increase its virtues. A transparent purple is now used for international and provincial frontiers, those unreal and contentious marks for cartographic for cartog phers. And a grey has been added for certain relief fea-tures, so that much of Afghanistan has turned grey be colours.

· The preliminary essays on earth sciences have been rewritten to give the latest news on such matters as continental drift, world eating habits, and space travel, with diagrams of those most monstrous of all forms of travel with names like Salyud 6 and Voyager 2. Mexico City has overtaken London to move up to third place in the league table of metropolitan areas with the biggest populations. Thank the son of lapetus himself, who holds the sky up, that the Nile is still the longest river, just.

The conventional signs and glossary are rich North-West Passages for the imagination to travel. The mark for a Sheikh's Tomb comes before the one for a cathedral. And did you know that obor is the Mongo-lian for both "inner" and "bossom"? The Index, reset by computer, gives 210,000 names, most of which I shall never visit, except by atlas. The dust jacket has a photograph taken from Skylab of Upper Egypt and the Red Sea, shrinking the Nile and the rest of that busy ing insignificance in the cold eye of outer space. Fortunately even the demi-Atlas of the earth, the arm and burgonet of anti-travellers, cannot anti-travellers, cannot pene-trate into every cranny of our little lives.

For instance, the map of London rightly shows Chiswick House But it leaves out Walpole House on Chiswick Mall, where Becky Sharp was edu-cated and last week there was a heavenly display of blos-soms that somehow escaped the attention of the cartogra-phers. And we can still hide rom the all-seeing map-men in the forest surrounding the Dal-quairn Burn that ruos into aposiopesis: on second thoughts it would be imprudeat to tell them.

Philip Howard

Medici Quartet Wigmore Hall

Judith Nagley

Hailed in recent years as one of Britain's most talented young string quartets, the Medici now have the burden of a high reputation to live up to Saturday's recital affirmed many of their fine qualities, but it also revealed some surprising weak-nesses which, if they are not merely temporary aberrations,

must be overcome for the quar-tet to fulfil its promise. Their ambitious programme began with Haydn's Op 76 No 4 essful item, despite eccentricities of tempo. The "surrise" theme was carefully shaped at the opening and sensibly phrased thereafter, and there was a constant alertness in all the players to the harmonic and metrical subtleties that reveal Haydn at his most mature. The Adagio, though luxuri-

ant, never lost sight of a steady-pulse and was nicely set off by-bouncy Landler rhythms in the Minuet: it must have been the appeal of the same footstamp problems. Neing spirit that persuaded the was more that Medici to transform the norm car expertise.

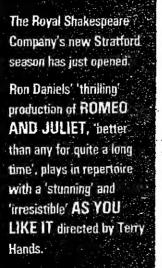
ally exuberant finale into a stately peasant dance, which, though it gives more point to the presto coda, is out of keeping with the movement's melodic character.

Mozart's "Dissonance" Quar-tet, K465, began by including in the introduction all the subtleties the composer requested (and some that he did not). Elsewhere a thick, fullhodied tone and a general un-willingness to admit light and air into the textures made for heavy weather, straining some passages beyond what Mozart can have intended. Scattered throughout, though, were flashes of insight and moments of tenderness that showed the work's essential spirit to be well within the Medici's grasp.

Inere was much to admire in Brahms's A minor Quartet, Op 51 No 2, not least the incisive. vigorous attack and well-unified ensemble that are the Medici's special strengths. This is a difficult work to pace and balance: the main melodic material was sometimes overshadowed, primacy mistakenly being given to secondary figuration; and anxiety over projec-tion of tone led to some forcing, and thence to intonation problems. Nevertheless, there was more than enough techni-

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Jeremy Marre's South Eark Show film of an all-night song contest in a migrant workers' Still, Salsa is apparently to be hostel in South Africa, which was broadcast last year, was both moving and extraordinary. Last night the South Bank Show first step.

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Puth Prayfor Inchesis would brozdcast his new film, Salsa, which must have given most which must have given dost viewers their first earful of another kind of ghetto music. A big ghetto, this one offi-rially two million Puerto Ricans, unofficially three and a balf, most of them living in the Bronx or the Lower East Side and suffering the traditional woes of big-city minority groups. With its infectious beat

Marre's film gazed sympathe-tically into the nooks and cranimbued by the education system with a sense of corporate worththe march towards political and economic enlightenment, song

and its Afro-Latin roots salsa music has recently been ruth-lessly commercialized, in some places to the point of ousting disco music, but it still seems to underpin a street culture. nies of the salsa world and came back with some familiar these. In Puerto Rico itself, salsa goes down a treat at the local Holiday Inn. In New York the children of this tribe are lessness, and salsa activists see music as the key to their latent self-respect. The parallels with West Indian cultural activism in London were striking: the same basic perceptions, the same exaggerated hopes. (In Philharmonia/

Svetlanov

proceeded.

Festival Hall

Having paid his warm and wel-

come tribute to a great Eritish composer last Tuesday, Yevgeny Svetlanov on Thursday devoted his concert with the Philbarmonia Orchestra entirely to music from his native Russia, by Tchaikovsky and Shostakovich.

William Mann

Levin Interviews (BBC 2. Saturday) saw him in predictably fine form with a splendidly cogent interviewee. Vladimir Bukovsky: Easy stuff, though the sort of thing he could do in his sleep, if he ever slept. Levin made his name by cracking tough purs leving received. ing tough nuts; let him crack some more. Michael Church As it happens, I write the programme notes for Philharmonia concerts, so I spent some days learning Tchaikovsky's Snegurochka, and would like to rear a much larger selection from its succulent cornucopia

(ir needs chorus and some solo-voices). The three movements given here made a tantalizing home-bouche, the first two exquisitely played, the Dance of the Clowns quite brilliant, kept on the tautest rein, thrilling. After that came Tchaikov sky's Violin Concerto with Vladi-mir Spivakov as soloist, a mar-vellous technician, no question, but alas no moralist in music. He rephrased and otherwise altered Tchaikovsky ad libitum. never to better effect, usually to distort the composer's utter-

The performances showed, still more cogently, his appreciative liason with the Philharmonia: every department of that much improved orchestra played for him as if angelically precessed and he parasily reance. Finally Shostakovich's fifth possessed and he, naturally re-ecting, like a cat who has fallen symonony, a dreadfully vulgar affair, unless you believe those upon several pints of un-attended creem, drew more and memoirs put out by Abraham Volkov. Svetlanov's whole-hearted reading, in which supreme virtuosity served per-sonal expression to the full, encouraged one to believe that Volkov is telling the truth, that more brilliance and euphony, and executive refinement, from his colleagues as the evening He began with a rarity, three movements from Tchaikovsky's the work is not vulgar, but loaded with cynicism and dis-dain, contrasted with the subincidental music for Ostrovsky's Snow Maiden (better known through Rimsky-Korsakov's later operatic treatment of it). ordinate pride and aspiration of an individual. For the first time this symphony cugaged my sym-A trade union dispute the sumption cagaged my symmetric that programme-books this symphony cagaged my symmetric thin symmetry than symmetric thin symme A trade union dispute made

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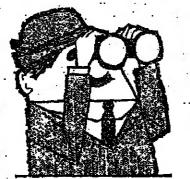
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less than the previous quantity of space planning consent has local authority and

planning stage is similar. The figures, says the survey, suggest no increase in the amount of floor space to he opened during the next year above the 4 to 4.5 mil-

A modest decline is even possible. The average size of schemes also appears to be Marsh Street. dropping after a peak in 1979. The 22 schemes which schemes under construction and 151,000 sq ft for those planned as at March, 1980.

The survey notes that, excluding new towns, there are no signs of more giant shopping centres of over 750,000 sq ft being built, but that there are several schemes under construction or planned in the 500,000 sq

It to 600,000 sq ft range.
Town and City heads the list of developers with the most floor space under com-struction or planned, fol-lowed by Norwich Union and s given and where there Laing Properties. The next sintention to proceed by two on the list are Heron, and the Dutch developers, loper, is 10 million sq Bredero.
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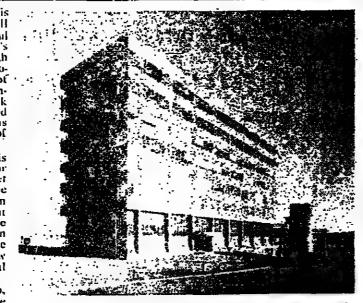
proposed but not yet at the development scheme which is expanding is in Walsall where, after the successful completion of the Saddler's Centre, Walsall Borough Council has decided to proceed with a second stage of lion so ft which has opened the scheme in an area emeach year over the past three bracing Station Street, Park Street, Marsh Street, and Little Station Street, plus some land to the north of

Much of the area is cleared, underutilized or opened in 1979 averaged obsolescent and some street 176,000 so ft each. This com- closures or diversions will be pares with 154,000 sq ft for required. The net addition to retail space will be about 70,000 sq fr and the scheme will turm a natural extension of the Saddler's Centre. The scheme will include a new bus station and additional

Edward Erdman and Co. who were concerned with the Saddler's Centre, are con-sultants to the Walsall Corporatioa.

The same agents have also been concerned in a transaction in Birmingham, where the Corporation Square shopping centre has been sold by Ravenseft Properties to Pearl Assurance Co.

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In Tamworth, Stafford-1960s. It includes 44 shops, shire, Hillier Parker May and a department store and other Rowden, who were concerned large units, an open market, with the project management three public houses and and letting of the Ankerside various other amenities, shopping centre, have been Erdman acted for Ravenseft instructed together with the in the sale and have been Elsom Pack Roberts Partner- house and light industrial appointed managing agents ship, architects, by the space in units from 1,000 sq for Pearl.

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The first phase, which is to be opened by the Queen in June, is an enclosed and heated shopping complex providing 150,000 sq ft, a multistorey car park for 550 yehicles, residential uses and some upper floor business. vehicles, residential uses and some upper floor business uses. The 30,000 sq ft supermarket is let to Sainsburys, and Boots and W. H. Smith occupy store units.

An interesting decision in the industrial field is that Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire, has been selected by the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas (CoSira), which is backed by the Development Commission, as one of the first locations to encourage small businesses to expand and create employment opporfunities by offering special incentives, including loans at preferential rates.

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Is this American failure one too many?

It is as true in the Arab world abandonment of all as as it is anywhere else that noth-the Palestinan cause. ing succeeds like success-and nothing fails like failure. The bungled American attempt to free the hostages by force, however, is much more serious than an isolated case of failure from which, after all, no one is immune. But when failure follows upon failure, the conviction sets in that this pattern is the rule rather than the excep-

Even before his abortive bid to rescue the hostages from Tehran, President Carter's policies faced an acute crisis of credibility in the Arab world. The Arab reaction to this latest failure can be understood only if we pass in quick review over the reasons for this crisis.

Most people in the Arab world which, because of oil has become one of the most sensi-tive regions for the West, perceive Mr Carter's policies in the following terms:

O In Camp David, Mr Carter departed from what had until then been a basic rule in American Mideast policy: not to push for a separate peace agreement between Egypt and Israel. I remember Dr Henry Kissinger telling me when he was still Secretary of State that The United States is steadfastle opposed to a separate peace between Egypt and Israel for three obvious reasons: first, nch a peace would isolate Egypt from the rest of the Arab world, which is detrimental to Egypt's interests, second, is would cancel Egypt's moderating influence over the other Areb parties to the problem, which is as barmful to them

not only between Egypt and Israel, but is something wider. When Mr Carter, after 18 mouths in office, abruptly departed from that rule, the only explanation the Arabs could see was that the American president, whose policies were all coming unstuck, wanted to achieve a quick victory in the Middle East crisis with an eye more on his own electoral in-

as it is to the United States.

and third, it would not produce

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lerests than on United States strategic interests. Not only did the dangers that Kissinger and others saw materialize, but the Arabs found themseives under pressure by David accords which for them represented, quite apart from The moderate Arab countries,

already worried at this amoutation of Egypt from the Arab budy, began to feel they were under pressure not only to forget about the Palestinian cause but to endanger the stability of their own regimes which, in Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states, are in fact not much more than families and tribes with flags. Their only claim to legitimacy lies on a hulf-traditional, half-religious basis and, should they abandontheir responsibilities towards

the Holy places of Islam-including Jerusalem-nothing much would be left of their basis to legitimacy. Any American arm-twisting on this issue was doomed not only to fail but also to generate deep resent-ment and bitterness. American policy towards the

revolution in Iran, especially as regards the Shah, eroded their confidence in the United States still further. Quite apart from eny value judgments on his regime or the methods it cmployed, no Arab ruler could ignore the words of General Ruba'i, former commander of the Iranian air force, before a revolutionary tribunal:

The United States took the Shah by the scruff of his neck and threw him our of Iran like a dead mouse."

There is a measure of truth in what he said. After backing the Shah unconditionally until late as January 1979, the United States suddenly dropped him in a last-ditch effort to save the army. But as the Iranian revolution gained momen-tum, it swept the whole deal along with it. Not only was the Shah discarded like a dead mouse but the Iranian army collapsed—at least as a force on which the United States could rely and which it could use in

any future designs. And so every Arab ruler understood clearly that the United States would not smad any of its friends who faced an internal danger.

• When the Soviets invaded

Alghanistan at the end of 1979 the Arab world saw the United States standing helplessly by as a Middle Eastern country succumbed to a danger coming without. Some months ago I happened to be in the Gulf area, when the advance units of the United States Firm Fleet diverted from the Pacific



President Sadat and President Carter share a laugh...but what do other Arabs feel now?

menting on the event, the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah el Ahmed el Sheikh Sabah el Ahmed el Sabah, told me: The Russians are over their in Afghanistan, not here in the Gulf. If they wanted to fight them that is where the Americans should have gone not here." Sheikh Sabah's words express the viewpoint of the governments in the that they can rely only on themselves when a question of

internal danger arises, ... As to dangers from without. Union. Any such confronta-tion must be undertaken by the

To add insult to injury, the Americans were now exhorting the Arab world against the Soviet aggression on Alghanistan in the name of Islam. The Arabs were simply not prepared to see Mr Carter in the role of protector of Islam when it was his policies which had led to the issue of Jerusalem, a Holy shrine for Islam, being placed in cold storage at Camp David.

How could they respond to Mr Carter's battle cry in the name of Kabul, which had been invaded for a matter of weeks, and forget Jeruselem which has been under occupation for ears, with no end in sight? They refused all efforts to recruit them in an Islamic pact

that they were being asked to fight with the Koran a battle which the US refused to wage with its arsenal of power.
This is where things stood

before the nostage crisis became acute. In an earlier stage most Arab countries could not keep up with the sabre-ratiling from Washington, days after the hostages had been taken. They felt the sirvation was difficult for the Americans, Armed intervention appeared impossible because it the oil producers cannot defend could spark off an explosion the oil fields ngainst the Soviet Union. Any such confronts ders of Iran. Waging a puditive strike would have been a sterile act, whose only purpose would be to let off steam. A maritime blockade seemed equally un-likely, as it would have led to complete chaos in one of the most sensitive areas of the

> But the Arabs could not shake off the feeling that something was going to happen.

We must remember that Arab feelings towards the Islamic revolution in Iran were ambivalent. Those who approved of its Islamic character disapproved its revolutionary fervour. while those who admired its revolutionary ferrous had their reservations about its religious character. It must be said in all fairness that the thrust of the Iranian revolution and the violence that accompanied it did not make matters easy for

in Iran with a mixture of admiration and doubt, are and fear. Added to that was the feeling of waiting for the unknown to happen.

But wherever form the unknown could take, Arabs felt the Americans would not resort to force. They believed the time for force was past, if only he.

for force was past, if only be cause activities in the political and diplomatic areas had led to some progress on the hostage question. Following efforts by the United Nations, its Secre-tary-General and the special commission he had dispatched to Iran, Khomeini had an-nounced that the hostages would be the first item on the agenda of the new Iranian parliament scheduled to meet in the second half of May.

While the Americans did not object to this decision, President Carter suddenly came up with the new demand that the hostages be transferred from the authority of the students occurving the American Embassy to that of the Revolutionary Council. As his Bani Sadr explained to all mediators. neither he as an elected President nor the council could keep hostages. If the students could defy international law by taking hostages, the authority of the state could not. To the astonishment of many people. President Carter persisted in his demand—not that the hostages be released immediately but that they be transferred to the cus-

pressures would not push him much further than psychologi-cal, economic or political war-fare in collaboration with some of America's allies in the West. As it happened, they were wrong: Not only did he try to use military force and fail

under the pressures of the pri-maries. Most people in the Arab world thought that these

enough politically but , even worse was the excuse he gave for this failure. The metaphysical belief in American power, and technology was badly shaken. Obviously a plan of this importance and sensitivity had received the very best in the way of America's human and material resources. In addition, the regional stage was all set with American military bases throughout the region, not to mention the naval units scat-tered around the Gulf and the Indian Ocean, in spite of that the operation failed because per cent of the equipment used at the most sensitive stage of the operation broke down-three out of eight helicopters in the ensuing confusion, "American planes collided together" and the bodies of American marines killed in the operation were left behind. The general impression in the Arab world—and even if it is only

time to come—is that those who depend on American power to protect them from external dangers are entitled; The Arab world heard Ayatollah Khomeini say that "Carter is trying to imitate the lion, but he is not a hon". Mr Carter has proved to be no fox either. He should perhaps have Professor Brzerinski over to the oval office for a second reading of Machiavelle's The Prince, particularly the part in which he

first impression its impact is bound to remain for a long

SEES! A prince being thus obli-zed to know well how to act as a beast must imitate the fox and the lion, for the lion can, not protect himself from traps, and the fox cannot defend himself from the wolves. One must therefore be a fox to recomize traps and a lion to frighten

Mohammed Heikal The author is former editor the Cairo newspaper Al

Ahram the separate peace between across the Indian Ocean. Egent and Israel, a complete secured into the Guif. Comdirected against tile Soviet the area surrounding it, who tody of the Revolutionary Council. It was clear that he was I Times Newspapers Limited, 1980 invasion of Afganistan, feeling regarded what was happening Overcrowded prisons ring the alarm bells

Home Office mandarins are busy proportion of custodial attempting to put together a strategy to reduce the prison population, but it appears that this is insufficiently developed and inclination of courts to im-to be included in Mr William pose custodial sentences the Whitelew's general statement prison population has continued on prisons expected tomorrow. population policy has been given urgency by the sharp upward turn of more than 1,000 month since January. This has taken the prison population of England and Wales, which includes persons on remand and sentenced to prisons, borstals and detention

entres, to a peak at the end of March of 44.223. Over the past 30 years the prison population has more than doubled and the incarceration rate (persons in custody per 100.000 inhabitants) increased from 50 to 85, making it one of the highest rates in Western Europe, Sharo upward and downward turns in prison population are not uncommon, but this most recent increase of seven per cent has especially alarmed the Home Office because it has occurred during a single quarter of the year, and has taken the population well over the ceiling of 42.000 which the then Home Secretary Mr Roy Jenkins, designated in 1975 as representing crisis conditions. The average daily prison population, in fact,

remained slightly under 42,000 between 1976-78. At one point during 1978 some 5.500 cells designed for one person held two, and a further 1,700 single cells held three persons. Since then a new overcrowding peak has been reached with almost heen reached with almost 18,000 persons, or 40 per cent of the total population, having

to share single cells.
For several years it has been

tences by the courts. However, despite a variety of strategies designed to restrict the ability

Additionally, and of particular lar concern, the proportion of immediate custodial sentences of all persons found guity of indictable offences; has, since 1974, risen from nine to 14 per

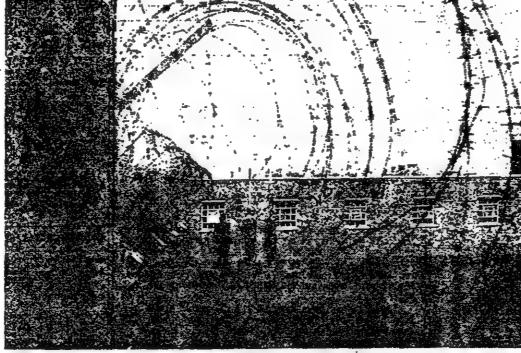
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to conviction. Unpublished data on all persons released reveal a decline tions be made both in the in average time in custody and States and here is how to in-prison population and in the suggest it has been receptions fluence decentralized decision-

of prisoners have risen over the last 30 years, especially with respect to fine defaulters and young persons sentenced to borstals or detention centre. During this same period the average length of imposed prison sentences increased by about 60 per cent. The length of an imposed sentence and time in custody rarely coincide, and the gap widened further following the introduction of parole in 1968 and, five years later, the extension of one-third remission to cover all time in custody including remand prior

The Home Office argument that petty recidivist property offenders, persons with drink-ing or mental health problems and juvenile offenders be dealt with by means outside the prison system has been en-dorsed by two recent official enquiries, the House of Com-mons Expenditure Committee (The Reduction of Pressure in

the Prison System. 1978) and the May Report (The Inquiry into the United Kingdom Prison Services, 1979). The Home Office has not, however, been supported where it really matters, by decision-makers at the early stages of the criminal



rather than time in custody which have been primarily resfor recent prison population increases.

Mr Whitelaw's dilemma has some parallels to the prison population crises confronting the federal and many state governments in the United States: Between 1972-78 the total number of persons increased by 48 per cent. A re-search study ordered by the United States Congress found that this was the result of in-creases in admissions rather than time in custody.

The problem for central governments in the United States and here is how to in-

with respect to Cautioning, arrest and charging, probation officers in their role as sentencing advisers and judges and magistrates (In 1978, Crown Courts were responsible for 55 per cept of all custodial sentences and magistrates' courts for the remaining 45 per cent). Any new Home Office strategy should take account two significant factors which appear to impact upon

" front-end" decision-makers,

namely changes in the quan-

tity of prison capacity and the

political risetoric of law and

dictor of prison populations The May Committee recommended that the prison construction programme be doubled to 550m a year, and

makers at the "front-end" of order. The findings of the the criminal justice process. In American prison population England and Wales these study suggest that prison condecision-makers are the police struction is among the critical struction is among the critical determinants of increases in prison population. The study with respect to state prison systems, that increased capacity led increases in population and not the reverse, and that prison construction appears to be a significant pre-

Mr Whitelaw has already announced that he will be proposing a "modest increase capital expenditure. He would, the complete curtailment of construction.

Prisons are very rurely closed, even when acknow-ledged to be beyond repair. An increase in capital expenditure would be better invested in ameliorating the appailing ameliorating the characterize the daily experieace of many prisoners and staff. A policy choice has to be made between further expan-sions of capacity and meeting the basic standards of the European Standard Minimum Rules and other international obligations.

The imposition of population ceilings is an important step, but failure to control or reduce prison populations may be inevitable when prison closures are not part of the strategy.

The second major difficulty down the law and order politilittle to impress the police, the judiciary and the other decisionmakers that imprisonment be regarded as a scarce resource and last resort.

Unless he is able to set in morion a reductionist policy this country may very soon have not only the highest incarceration rate in western Europe but also conditions of confinement more dismal and dangerous than have hitherto existed in the one hundred years of the Prison Service.

Andrew Rutherford

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There is an (1) alternative to monetarism

Government's economic policy of the unemployed, said on Panorama recently that To use deliberately there was no other way. She is fond of saying it and she sometimes couples the assertion with the threaf that the only alternative to her policies is Beaute

Mr Eric Heffer spelled out that alternative to Thatcherism both in a recent article on this page reviewing my pamphlet Labour at 80—time to retire and in a speech a couple of months ago when he said : "the Labour Party was not created leavers? What of t no administer the capitalist restem or to compromise with the but to get rid of it. Fine in theory perhaps, but no country I have visited where the capitalist system has been got rid of has either an acceptable

Mr Heffer and Mrs Thatcher ire agreed resolutely on one to rule out and which only debatable alternatives to off for the Chancellar each other. There is no other. We have had tho

for the citizens of this country would be bleak indeed. A choice between the Governmeat's doctrinaire, monetarism , patienal norms thoron and the left's state control is cussed in Neddy and el pan and the fire.

Fortunately it is not. And people in growing numbers are beginning to see this joint contrick for what is is. There is another way which would promote unity instead of division and prosperity instead of poverty, I put it forward as leader of the Liberal Party but I know there are many in other parties who would agree with

It is a plan for national sconomic partnership and it has three component parts: l. Incomes policy, permanent and strategic but flexible.

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so alwanced and the patient is an enfection (but a treament which consists solely of the application of leaches to bleed her further is not going to work. It is the responsibility of political leadership to ar generoment to create the majority view which w strategy for development and to wide a realistic and

and overwhelming requirement is to re-create a sense of the common weelsh, of shored sacrafice and shared opportunity. There is now general sereement that the whole British

economy, let sione the Govern-ment's strategy, is under threst from the 20 per cent level of wage settlements.

The rot set in under the last

six months of Labour, Free from the discipline of the Lib! Lab pact, the previous Govern-ment caved in under left-wing and union pressure, threw away any sitemps at an incomes policy and embarked upon a wages free for all. This gave the first twist to the inflationary spiral.

The incoming Tory Govern-ment in its hasty and ill-con-sidered "manifesto budget" last June gave a further twist to the prices side of the spiral. Now for ideological reasons they stand helplessly aside as wages race alongside and ahead: of prices.

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DIARY OF A BLOATED CAPITALIST

To read on the flight from New York to Haiti I took a copy of Time magazine with a provocatire question on its cover. "Is capitalism working?" it asked, and came to the conclusion: " Of course, but "

The 11 pages were packed with the conventional wisdom about inflation, multinationals and energy costs. It was all put together in a chummy, knowing style, supporting my conviction that economics reporting is really a lot like sports report-

Ir has its own secret code. its own priorities, is written by insiders for insiders who share their assumptions. There is no relation to the world outside. While the words seem normal and comprehensible on the surface, their true meaning can be understood only by readers

schooled in the mystery. Like a racing writer comparing the record of one stable against another, the author, George Taber, ticked off the successes of capitalism against socialism - Kenya over Tanzania, Ivory Coast against Guinea (What about Haiti? I He want on to discuss prospects

for the coming season. Capitalism will face serious challenges in the Third World in the 1980s . . . Opec's price increases are just the first grab by those countries for a larger share of the wealth of the

industrial nations.
"Third World demagogues will doubtless push a soak-the rich programme on an international scale. The staggering \$350 billion that the developing countries will owe international banks and institutions by the end of this year will create another, source of potentially dangerous global tension."

After quoting a Roman Cathelic priest deploring the fact that 20 per cent of the people in the world have 80 per cent of its goods. Mr Taber, with the optimism for which sports writers are notorious. can seill write: "In the 1980s, General Motors chairman (Thomas) Murphy sees even larger profit potential in the yearning new markers of the Third World than in the advanced nations."

shall come to that in a minute). a 'genial man already doing nicely, thank you, out of the Third World A manufacturer of cheap ladies' shocs, he was going to visit the factory in Haiti where he has the upper sections made,

By exploiting the low wages paid there he was saving 30 per cent of the cost of making the uppers, even taking into account of flying the materials in and the completed sections out. This meant a saving of 60c on the cost of each pair of shoes.

This is the kind of foreign business that only the most desperate of developing countries welcome. It involves bardly any capital investment and provides no benefit except employment. A few years ago there was a fad for decrying the nutritional benefits of breakfast cereals as.

being just "empty calories This is the empty calorie equivalent in foreign investment. I felt bad about exploiting these people", my neighbour said. "But when I said that to dranced nations." the folks at our embassy they Next to me on the plane was 'told me: 'You're not exploiting



them. The country's exploiting them ' ".

He had more qualms when he first went to Hairi to examine the feasibility of the undertaking and was horrified, as are our Jeep was ringed by men, all first-time visitors, by the women and children, holding

scientious but also practical hunger. with such blatant misery rife, could a revolution be far off? 'I asked the embassy about that, too", he said. "They said yes, a revulution will come but not yet." Still time to make a fast buck or two.

We landed at Port-au-Prince, capital of the poorest country in the West, a yearning market for sure but not one likely to show profit potential very soon. I first went there nine years ago. One of the few detectable changes is that they have put a fresh coat of white paint on the president's palace.

Most poor countries are plagued with beggars but in favour. Hairi they are in a clear majority, unt just in the cities but all over. Any stranger is a potential source of a: worst crumbs, at best short-term riches.

metalled road, with a reporter who took photographs. Every time we stopped for a picture

Like all visitors I find this irritating, indeed scarcely tolerable, even when I reflect how still less pleasant it is for those forced to beg as a way of life. They are not pretending to be hungry and in seed: that is what they are.

The rationalization for notgiving money to beggers is that once you start you will be pestered even more, marked down as a soft-touch. Everyone makes his own rules. My own, arbitrary and prim, is that I will give moderately to anyone who has made a gesture however minimal, towards earning the

Thus I will tip a young man who claims to have looked after my car when it is parked in a city street. On a northern beach I paid a boy more than. he asked for a crude stone carving. At the airport as I left, the man searching my luggage for weapons came across a bor of, cigars and asked for one; I gave

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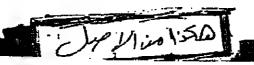
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the face of new challenges. e other was to improve relans with the Third World, ecially with Islamic countries t felt threatened by the Soviet asion of Afghanistan and emrassed by the seizure of erican hostages in Iran, It has

both opportunities slip, ugh not yet wholly beyond overy. The failure of the erican rescue mission in Iran week offers a new and soberimpulse to try again. merica's European allies have

on to feel shaken. Behind the ere expressions of support sympathy for Mr Carter e is acute awareness that he not consult them on an entere that deeply affected their rests and could have had osive consequences. Morehe did this at a peculiar tent. The allies thought they being called upon to supeconomic sanctions against in order to lessen the likeliof unilaterial military in by America. In spite of ound misgivings they were plying because they saw it as lesser of two evils and he-e they believed it would them the right to a say in ever further steps Mr Carter contemplating. Of course it ue, as Lord Carrington has ted out, that the threat of ary action was understood. eferring to direct military n against Iran, such as min-

importance. The first need, therefore, is to try to put the alliance together again, to improve consultations and to work out a common strategy and common tactics. After last week Mr Carter is more than ever in need of allied advice and support, and he should be readier to listen. It is no time for recriminations. But there are a number of difficult questions to decide. The first is hether the Europeans should. go ahead with sanctions, in a sense the implied bargain has been broken by Mr Carter so there would be an excuse for pulling out. Yet the need to keup the alliance together is now if anything stronger than before. The dilemma is, therefore, little altered and a degree of compromise remains unavoidable. But the Europeans now have even more reason to move slowly on sanctions and stronger arguments for urging this on Mr Carter, They also have even more incentive to seek other solutions.

They have some remaining credit in Tehran with certain political groups and they should make use of it on behalf of the alliance as a whole. There is still strong resistance to Soviet peneuration in the Muslim world as a whole and in Iran in particular. Sanctions would be almost hound to weaken it. European influence, carefully used, can he harbours, not to a rescue still do something to strengthen upt, but both involve the ir both by direct diplomacy and by restraining Mr Carter.

Europe may also be able to help recover the other great lost opportunity of recent months-the support of the Third World against the Soviet Union. Soviet invasion of Afghanistan provoked practically unanimous public condemnation among the truly non-aligned and widespread private criticism among the less truly non-aligned and even among some of the Sovict Union's allies. This was one of the very few compensations for what was otherwise a tragedy for the people of Afghanistan and a severe blow to East-West relations. Combined with the revolution in Iran, which was nearly as anti-Soviet as it was apti-American, it represented a substantial political gift to the West. Unhappily, western diplomacy has not risen to the opportunity. Preoccupied with squabbles over sanctions against the Soviet Union, hobbled by its own inadequate consultations, and unnerved by the pressures on the American Administration, it has allowed its vision to narrow and its actions to falter.

Next month the Islamic foreign ministers are meeting in Islamabad. They are expecting to discuss a proposal for a neutral Alghanistan and some of them are hoping for support from the United States and the Soviet Union. The run-up to the meeting offers the western alliance a chance to support a constructive initiative by countries directly threatened by the Soviet presence in Afghanistan, Let this chance not go the way of others.

STRANGE SILENCE ON HOUSING

ir ever, but one topic has st uncannily faded from the. cal scene. The parties have d to vie with each other to see more and more new 5. At the last election, the rvative manifesto did not trouble to comment on the ll supply of housing, and Labour Party (perhaps ened by their own dismal mance in office) made no s attempt to seize on the on. Nor is there much sign. lousing supply (as distinct the question of council: sales) is going to be a ly contested issue in most in this month's local elec-

the rate of building in the public and private is now at a level have appeared suicidal to . vernment in the days when ned obligatory to promise 0, or even 500,000 new a year. Last week 51r Trench, chairman of the al House Building Council. d that there might be no han 165,000 new starts this a rate lower than anything in peacetime since the The housing policy review 77 predicted that demand run at a rate close to 0 through the 1980s. Yet eseltine, challenged about ituation in a parliamentary ittee last week, replied iplomb that the predictions possible criticism, ministers have

vid Wood

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he time of writing there may use guessing what this after-communique out of the Euro-

summit will say about Mrs ter's demand for a broad a between what the United

am nave into the Community

rat it draws back. The British ign has been strongly fought, mes far too rigidly fought in

of figures and deadlines than

wise. But, in the end, much

propaganda and diplomatic has been undercut by a

hatcher's own temperament

gic must recognize as more

e as more than one billion.

summit agenda must now be

ted by considerations of unity, not by the deep s and bitter differences that

the Dublin summit at the

November. Accordingly, Mrs will need no advice from

ewd and cool Lord Carring-

t she must change her style

ie, and perhaps her summit le The logic of every public

e she has made on a dan-and deteriorating inter-position is that she knows

est things must be seen to

sterling.

fately important than a book-

international crisis that

the air at

domestic issues seem to go had always been speculative, and that it was up to local councils to choose their building policies for themselves.

It is not so extraordinary that leading politicians on both sides, with all too much cause to know the pressures upon public spend-ing and the pitfalls of official dabbling in the mortgage market, should tacitly agree not to make a meal of the problem. But it may seem strange that the electoral pressures which were taken for granted ten years ago have not made themselves felt-not yet, at least. The demographic trends that the housing policy review based its predictions on have not changed—or, as far as they have, they have changed in ways indicative of increased

future demand! The strange public hush is an: indication that the paramount importance of controlling public spending is more fully accepted now than it has been in earlier periods of officially-proclaimed austerity. It cannot be expected to last And since the broad level of spending by bousing authorities is effectively prescribed by the Government (whose public expenditure White Paner portends tighter funds still in the immediate (uture), the public "are not likely to give undue weight to Mr Heseltine's claim that it is all really a local matter. No doubt with a view to deflecting

Nevertheless, Mrs Thatcher has committed herself too far on "the broad balance" to return home

broad balance to return home empty handed and fobbed off with

promises that the next European

summit in Venice during June will

at last produce the desired solution. Tomorrow she will have to face the

Commons to announce that some-

thing more than promises has been

Yet a European sommit meeting of heads of government and prime ministers permits so Judicroudy, little time for any worthwhile discussion of big issues of for any high strategic decisions to be reached. The Luxembourg summit will be all over in 24 hours. And almost as much time will be taken up by the social programme as by

up by the social programme as by the formal sessions. In effect, there-fore, little can be achieved that has

nore, intile can be achieved that has not already been agreed during the preparatory diplomatic work. The summit meeting, by its nature is either the seal affixed to an agreement, or it sets the nine a new strategic objective.

her final press conference,

nag her colleagues in an attempt

she had used a woman's privilege to

nag ner conteagues in an attempt to get an overnight decision, and for their part Chancellor Helmut Schmidt was openly bored and oddly for an insomniac—sleepy, and

President Giscard d'Estaing was

cold and indifferent.

In domestic politics, the Labour opposition may well think that Mrs

Thatcher has no chance of produc-

ing a parliamentary or popular suc-

cess out of Luxembourg. It would be completely out of character for her in present circumstances to throw the Community into disarray by

nievad. Yet a European simmit meeting

been making the most of new provisions under the Housing Bill which would extend the availability of grants for the improve-ment and repair of older stock, and make it easier for councils to find money to build low cost housing for sale. Mr Heseltine has also asked councils to ensure that plenty of building land will be available as soon as private building picks up.

These are minor changes. But is quite clear that at this moment the control of public snending must take precedence. The standard of housing in Britain compared to similar countries is in fact far from poor. Demand for housing is (perforce) quite flexible. Imperative as the short-term economic need is, however, pressure is bound to build up in the longer term. The immediate question is how best to deploy such funds as can be spared. Of the new initiatives, it is the grants to improve older housing that are most relevant. Almost a third of our national stock was built before 1914, and much of it, if neglected, could pass beyond repair. The Government's encouragement for owneroccupiers does not weaken that need, as there is disturbing evidence that owner-occupation is no guarantee of high maintenance standards. As long as we cannot build on a large scale, we must ensure that what we have does not deteriorate.

strident insistence on "our money would be out of character for her to allow her demand for a broad balance between what goes out and what comes back to be pushed away to the June summit.

The popular mood may prove Labour's calculations wrong. Not a few. British and continental politicians, as British public opinion furned strongly against the Euro-pean idea and ideal, have argued that the tide would turn again only when Western Europe either came under threat or when an international crisis once more taught the lesson of common interest and com-

Mrs Thatcher has never encouraged anybody to think that she is the most deeply committed of Europeanists. She is rather a Europeanist. because she is an Atlanticist. But that is a combination that may look timely to an anxious public at home in a day of increasing risks that the United States and her main allies in Western Europe will get out of step. Mrs Thatcher has sturdily be-friended the Americans and she can equally help in holding the Community steady in purpose and

strategic objective.

First in Strashourg nearly a year ago; and then in Dublin, Mrs Thatcher showed her impatience with summitty and some of her continental critics would say that she showed her lack of community understanding She herself implied, at her final press conference that That is a domestic political role that would be attractive to broad sections of the British people, and on the strength of it Mrs Thatcher mould almost certainly be able in Luxembourg to ease up on her Com-munity budgetary demands and her imperious timetable for a settlement. A failure to insist on a full settlement, delivered on the nail, by this afternoon, would look like statesmanship rather than humilia ting impotence, and it would correct some of the miscalculations made five montks ago in Dublin.

In advance of the communiqué, we may agree some compromise is needed, and compromise is in the

Farmers and consumers

From Mr Jahn Chalaner Sir. Can Mrs Chenery (April 24) tell farmers how to use higher land values, short of borrowing ourselves into insolvency? Most other pro-duction asser values have trebled in five years, and most home-owning consumers' properties. Yours faithfully. JOHN CHALONER, Dudsland Farm,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Soviet view of détente

From Mrs Elizabeth Young Sir, Last Monday Mr Vsevaled Ovchingilot, political correspon-dent of Pravda, gave a talk in London on "The Soviet View of Détente and East-West Relations Speaking in excellent English to a well-informed audience and on the record, he relentlessly disparaged

the United States.

Answering guestions, he claimed that the Soviet Union had made over a hundred disarmament proposals which the West has always refused to take up. I asked him how it was that when President Carter at that when President Carrier sent Secretary Vance to Muscow in-March, 1977, to promose "deep cuts" in strategic weapons, "even to 50 per cent", the proposal was rejected out of hand by the Sovier. Government? "I cannot answer your question.", said Mr Ovchin-nillor, while did not hear any "Whon nikov, "this did not happen ". When I reminded him that Mr Gromyko had rejected the proposal in an unprecedentedly long press con-

denied all knowledge.

This press conference, during which Mr Gromyko described the American proposals as "a dubious manoeuvre, not to say a cheap one", took place on March 31, 1977, and a report of it occupied the whole of page 2 of Mr Ovchinnikov's own paper, Pravda.

the next day. We have long known about the operation of the memory-hole in the Soviet Union, but now they seem to be exporting it. Yours, etc,

ELIZABETH YOUNG, 100 Bayswater Road, WZ. April 23.

Loving with the mind

From Mr Trevor Laggett Sir, In his letter of April 22, the Rev Barry Morrison makes the point—against Rajneesh's reported rejection of mind in favour of love that the Judeo-Christian tradi-tion commands men to love with the mind also.

Can someone tell us how it was that the three words of the commandment in Deuteronomy 6.5, to love the Lord with all the heart and soul and strength, become the four words heart and soul and mind and strength when Jesus quotes it in Mark 12, or the lawyer in Luke 10? No help from the Pelican Gospel commentaries, or the New English Bible Companion, or the reat Catholic Jerome commentary. Most of them do not notice it. Why is mind here distinguished from

heart and soul?
Incidentally the worship through mind also is in line with the Indian tradition of the Gita, which twice has the line spoken by Krishna:
"Have your mind on me, be devoted to ma, worship me; bow down to me." The second command-ment, to love thy neighbour, is also closely matched by another phrase which comes twice in the Gita, delighting in the welfare of all heings "

Yours sincerely, TREVOR LEGGETT. 32 Palace Gardens Terrace Kensington, W8. April 22.

Views on Gibraltar From Mrs M. Chincotta

Sir, Although the news of the future suspension by Spain of the Gibraltar frontier restrictions has been gang-rally welcomed, if only on humanitarian grounds, it has not given cause for undue rejoicing to the average Gibraltarian, whether young or old, who knows that this action has been motivated by Spain's desire to join the "Common Market" rather than as a sign of good will. It, would have been less obvious if it had come about soon after Franco's death.

The closed border with Spain over the last 11 years has given the Gibralturians the opportunity to re-inforce the highly-valued Britishness of their way of life. There are fears that an open frontier, and the in-evitable social intercourse which will ensue, will slowly reverse the Yours faithfully,

M. CHINCOTTA. Red Sands Road. Gibraltar.

Strong language

From Mr John McK. Service

Sir, Mr Lister's letter (April 21) reminded me of a brand of Japanese whisky I came across last year in Rio de Janeiro. Labelled "George V" beneath a representation of that monarch, was the legend, "distilled by King George V himself in the kitchens of Buckingham Palace". Yours faithfully, JOHN SERVICE,

56 Cornwall Gardens, SW7. April 21.

Deaths in police custody From Mr Michael Meacher, MP for

Sir. Professor Usher (April 23) misrepresents my position over the Kelly inquest. I made clear on television my view that the inquest had been lengthy and thorough,

but Professor Usher is wrong to my to sweep under the carpet its limi-1 Was it justified to withhold from

essor Usher's own reconstruction Was it right that the policemen should have access to their original statements, whilst the other wit-

hold an inquest more than nine-months after the death? Memories do fade, even of those who were direct eye-witnesses and who are trying conscientiously to remember details; yet failure to achieve sliderule precision in recall was effectively used by counsel to suggest general unreliability.

Towards an understanding with Iran

diverted to other targets, and a climate might be created in which a solution would be found.
Yours faithfully, From Mr N. Ripley Sir, The appearance of your article (April 23) about Professor Forer's attempts to persuade the United N. RIPLEY. 8 Blenheim Road, NW8. States to adopt a different policy towards Iran was a welcome sign From Mr Frank Paton that at last some prominence is Sir, Events since the announcement being given to those in the West of the failed attempt to rescue the United States diplomats held, who believe that the West is stumbling down a blind alley. But until contrary to international law, in Iran the Western public is better in-

formed about what the Iranians feel

and why they feel it, it is likely to

continue to call for "tough"

tory ones.

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pect to be unpopular.

popular governments we must ex-

The Iranians do not acknowledge

that we were only indirectly re-sponsible for things such as the Savak torture houses in tran, or the

deterioration in agriculture. Those

things, they say, were obviously in

nur commercial or political interest.

Therefore we must have planned

them—they were not by products of

economic imperialism, but corner-

stones of a policy of economic sub-

jugation. If we are capable of

ormulating and carrying our such

plans, we are capable of anything.

Even after the unsuccessful United States military operation, which will presumably have the

effect of strengthening mutual hos-tility, I continue to believe that the

only sensible way to obtain the re-

lease of the bostages is for the United States to do both or either of

making a public apology to Iran and

of instituting some form of inter-

national libquiry into what did go on

in Iran during the last few years of the Shah's reign. I doubt whether

the Iranians would be prepared to, make any apologies in return.

its present collision course, with its

unforeseeable consequences; and it

is now the dury of Carter's allies,

who presumably were not consulted

before this first military step, to force America to change tack.

Public opinion could play an im-

portant role in this, if attention could be focused less on the con-frontation that the seizure of the

embassy has caused and more on the grievances which the Tracians feel they hold justifiably against us and which they wish to publicise.

If the media chose to investigate these things our sense of outrage might be diminished, or even

continuing course of events is only faelling friction between the Western nations and the Middle East—between Christians and Musmeasures rather than for concilia-So far almost all media coverage of the Iranian crisis has focused on the "hostage problem" or geopolitical or economic factors. There have If we are to find a solution to this seemingly intractable problem between peoples of videly differ-ing cultural outlooks before either cal or economic factors. Inere nave been few attempts to analyze seriously or to publicise the histori-cal causes of the often intense hostility which a vast majority of Iranians of every class feel towards the government of the United States and still, towards Britain; side acts rashly and with a mistaken view of its own power and pressige it is essential that a way is found of communicating with the leaders of Iran so that by negotiation a

solution may be found.
Whilst many ideas are being proposed, ranging from using force to swearing it out " it is clear that but this animosity is not directed against United States or English individuals, as the treatment of the there is very little hope of early success for an individual nation's It is only when we are prepared to liston sympathetically and withour condescension to these griev-ances that we will come near under-standing the causes of Iran's be-haviour. Imperialism, to the Iraninitiative. A more promising solu-tion is for the European Community to propose and nominate an injurnational mediating commission drawn from the most eminent and ions, and to the inhabitants of a large number of other countries, does not mean a form of visible political and economic domination, but the insidious exploitation of a experienced international leaders in the church, in politics, and in adv-cation, to approach both the Muslim East and the Christian West to seek country by influence, corruption, and destruction of established social a softening of attitudes and a narrowing of differences on that, in due course, the people of the East and the people of the West may learn, to understand; accept and respect orders and economic organisations through the intermediary of repressive governments. We find to think of our relations with these countries each other's culture and life style as being essentially pragmatic, based and realize that their future lies in on wide, impersonal economic and defence considerations. But if our

makes it clear that they will not

be released until agreement is reached between the United States

and the Government of Iran. The

cooperation, not confrontation.
It is only in exchanges of this kind that a way will be found to release the United States diplomats held hostage in Iran. Yours faithfully. FRANK PATON.

Smocombe House. Enmore, Bridgwater, Somerset. . . From Miss Alison Word . Sir, The Headmaster of Downside

School (April 24) is perfectly entitled to personal views about sanc-tions against Iran. But what qualification does he hold-writing as a prominent Roman Catholic whose lead is bound to be followed -to pass judgment on American administrations (presumably past as well as present), to state that some acknowledgment might now ho made "on behalf of the American people of the wrongs committed in their name against the people of

To ask for forgiveness when we have sinned is indeed a necessary preliminary to reconciliation; hatdoes Dom Rabhael Angleby really believe that the Americans are the only singers in this devastating Yours truly,

This is a better risk for the. ALISON WARD,

> From Dr. A. J. Roder. Sir, While not disagreeing with the general tenor of Sir John Glubb's argument in his letter of today [April 23] I should like to point out, in the interests of historical accuracy, that it was the French revolutionary government which declared war on Austria and Prussia in 1792 and not the other way Yours faithfully,

A. J. RYDE²-Reader in History, St David's University College, Lampeter, Dyfed.

Falkland fishing

From the Director General of the Falkland Islands Office Sir, On Monday (April 28) in New York, a new round of talks on the Falkland Islands will start between Britain and Argentina. This Office hopes that the talks will result in agreement on offshore development, perticularly fisheries.

Your correspondents, Mr James Johnson, MP: (March 22), Mr White (March 26) and Mr Roberts (April 3) have all sought to clarify the question of whether Falkland Islands fish resources are worth pursuing particularly by the British industry.

industry.

This remains an open question but what is not in doubt is the vastness, of the resources in the area. Since Lord Shackleton's 1976 Economic Survey of the Faikland Islands; which identified immense krill resources, enough to supply the annual protein needs of China, numerous studies have confirmed his findings. In 1977 the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization published a three-part study on krill and very recently the White Fish Authority has concluded a study of fish resources

based on these as well as West German and Argentine studies of the area. This week, the Soviet Union signed a fisheries research and exploiation agreement with Argentina, following those already in being with West Germany, Japan and Spain, whose interest is mainly hake. Antarctic cod and blue whiting.

There is no doubt that other coun find Falkland Island waters fruitful. Last year, 150 Comecon. lishing vessels visited Port Stanley. the capital of the islands, which are surrounded by a three-mile limit

We hope that Her Majesty's Government, whatever the nature of the talks with Argentina, will bear in mind the recommendations of the 1977-78 Expenditure Committee of the House of Commons, that arrangements for the Falkland Islands are being considered, the fishing potential of the waters around them must be fully taken into account in any negotiations about their future." B. G. PROW.

Director General, The Falkland Islands Office, 2 Greycoat Place, Westminster, SW1.

Kelly "kid-glove treatment". But it is, I submit, extremely difficult to credit that a double fracture of From Mr Larry Camb

The remarks attributed to me were made in a rotally different context, at a different time is an interview, for a different publication. Yours faithfully, LARRY LAMB

Sir. Why are school holidays so long? When I was a boy at school. I couldn't answer the question. When I was a schoolmaster, I found the question and embarracsing one. Now, as the parent of three children, I find myself asking it. Yours faithfully.

On looking ahead through the trees

From Sir Richard Acland Sir. As my father wrote the report which led to the Forestry Commis-sion, I should like to contribute to the forestry debate—belatedly because of recent return from

in 1921 J. M. (larer Lord) Keynes. In 1921 J. M. flater, Lord J. Keynes, in his Economic Consequences of the Peace, wrote: "We cannot do better than base our policy on the evidence we have and adapt it to the five or 10 years over which we may suppose ourselves to have, some measure of prevision." Alastor the babies and toddlers who are now grandchildren and great-grand. for the babies and toddlers who are now grandchildren and great-grand-children of our senior citizens. We may a strain our prevision much further. It would be foolish to accept the very worst possibilities that our deepest pessimists, can offer; but prudent to plan for the worst economic future that he samewhere between the probable and the seriously possible. If we do that those little ones will live dome fortably if things go better, and will lust get by if they go worse, than just get by if they go worse, than we now guess!

igust get, by if they go worse, than we now guess!

Virty this' in mind "sicae, economy" is a psychologically dangerous phrase because we have experienced it in two wars that letted brout four; and six syears before we went back to dormal it by well within the probable possible bracket that in 50-60 years today's bables will be entering the long enoch when Britain will be able to buy not less, but fer less, in fonds and raw materials than we can imchic/possible future: it may be agreed that mutton is the only meat not seriously dependent or impor-ted feedstock; and that sheep and deer graze where no other himsis. food could be produced. But poither mountain sheep nor doer-farming can over make anything like a 25 per cent contribution to our meat consumption; and under long-term siene economy our successors could; well endure a 50-60-per cent cut; in: meat. If all the agricultural lowands now producing food for beef and bacon were switched in beans, they would provide a duller but protein-adequate diet.

Your maion article (April 16) chided the Forestry Commission for the fact that their frientening plans would reise timber production from 9 per cent to only 25 per cent, of today's consumption. But, when mature, could today's little ones, just, get by with a 75 rer cent our in timber consumption? Taking account of all preside economies it may be supposed that, they could be supposed that, they could Could they manage with a 91 per-cent cut? When I look around my house and realize that not one of my plastic utensils will be available to them, it seems certain that

they could not. Recreation in oren spaces? It must be conceied that trees would noticeably reduce it. But consider even the Langdale Valley-pe worst possible spot from piv point of view and centainly excluded from the Commissioners' plans. Would serious resthetic loss if th

climbers on cliffs under the Pikes resched their starting points, through wooded paths? Suppose even that the Band were forested up to 100 feet below the neck that links Crinkle Cress to Bow Fell. Would it be very terrible

for over-stressed city dvellers if they walked the Band nath through woods? Near the paths could he wide varieties of trees even if. further in the planting was casing of conifers; frequent gaps could be cut giving wide vistas onto the onto-site peaks; and visitors could then come out on unchanged and sheep arezed mountain tops and see all the other mountains whose lower slopes would be clad in trees. Yours sincerely RICHARD ACLAND

Sprydon, Broadclyst, Broadclyst, Exerc: Devon.

Source of inspiration

From Mr. Peter Brook . . Sir, I have just returned from Australia and have read Sheridan Morley's generous account in The Times (April 7) of our perform-ances at the Adelaide Festival However, this article, warman, early in our visit gives an incomplete picture of the powerful and

positive impressions we received both of the active life of the ciries and of the richness of the Aboriginal culture.
I' would hate to find myself in the company of those who over they years bave gone to Australia to compare it unfavourably with Europe! In many ways the fruth

today is quite the other way round, Yours faithfully, PETER BROOK.

International Centre of Theatre Research 9 Rue du Cirque, Paris VIIIe.

Out of context?

World editorship (April 25) gives the impression, perhaps inadvertently, that I had discussed Mr Shrimsley's departure from the newspaper with Ms Sheila Black. This is not so.

Deputy Chairman.

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30 Bouverie Street, EC4.

Unwillingly from school From Mr Bruce Parker

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE PARKER,
Lanham Cottage,
Lanham Lane,
Winchester,
April 22

ig the float Mr Robert Sheldon, MP for under-Lyne (Labour) n are wholly right to say 23) that an excessive reliance th exchange rate as a weapon

hting inflation cannot d. Since the beginning of last ie exchange rate has risen per cent while our inflation reased more than that of our competitors. What have we by such a policy? A rapid manufactured imports much ng our exports of such goods. I cannot survive the strong

pound, which brings about cheap imports and dear exports.

To raise the level of the exchange rate is largely, in the hands of the market to lower it is under our control. The Bank of England needs to be instructed by the Government. to sell sterling and so depress the price. The reduction in the exchange race is the essential action neces-

Yours sincerely, ROBERT SHELDON, Flouse of Commons. April 24.

sary to rescue British industry and it is one which Government has within its gower to take. Cross-in-Hand, Heathfield, . . . Sussex. April 24.

Oldham West (Labour)

tations and defects:

the jury some of the most important pieces of evidence, such as the four policemen's original statements to the police Investigating Officer, or indeed to withhold 30 pages of Proof evenus?

were denied access to theirs? heirs? Is it appropriate or desirable to

Nevertheless, criticism of the inquest is certainly not my main concern. The central issue in my concern. The central issue in my view has always been the question: how did Jimmy Kelly receive injuries of such severity, and who or what was responsible for the cause of death? Frankly, I find the answers professible, that it was from quest implausible: that it was from rolling on the waste ground, or that he might have fallen against a sill of the police van, etc. Such explanations have an eerie

similarity with the equally unconviacing explanations officially offered at other recent inquests; that James McGeown died in Glasgow police station from a ruptured liver caused not by a kick as alleged, but by falling on a heavy rubber bucket with a policeman on top of him; and that Liddle Towers died of a severed gastric artery caused not by a beating, as alleged, but, by being kneh on by a policeman at his arrest. Does anyone really believe that those are the most likely explanations of what actually happened in each case?

I am perfectly ready to admit that regret being misled about whether Kelly sustained a fracture of the toe or vertebra, just as I also regret that the first pathologist missed the double fracture of the jaw and con-

the jaw (which curiously, Professor Usher does not mention) and nearly 20 bruises more than one inch in diameter, many (as BBC Nationwide · said) too horrific to be shown on television", are injuries limited solely to those compatible with the minimum use of force sary to contain resistance to arrest. Lastly, my call for a public innever binged on the outcome of the Kelly case. It rests, as it has always rosted, on the need to in-

vestigate in depth selected catego-ries of cases out of the 273 deaths, in custody in England and Wales in the last 10 years, in particular the 16 cases where the coroner returned an open verdict and the 20 cases where complaints were made to the Director of Public Prosecutions following a death in custody that police assault caused death If this were systematically done,

I do believe that public disquiet over this issue could be finally resolved. Yours sincerely. MICHAEL MEACHER, House of Commons.

cluded that the police had given. April 24.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

April 26, The Prince of Wales was present this evening at the Annual Dinner of the Guild of Newspaper Editors at the University Arms Hotel, Cambridge. His Royal Highness, attended by by Mr John Dauth, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

CLARENCE HOUSE April 26. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this eremng at the Burma Reumon at the Royal Albert Hall. The Lady Elizabeth Basset and r Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

Lady Helen Windsor, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Kent, is 16 today.

The Duchess of Kent, 2s patron, of the Yehudi Menuhin school, will attend a chamber music concert in aid of the Friends of Yehudi Menuhin at the Civic Hall, Guildford, on April 30. Princess Alexandry will visit the Leeds Jewish Welfare Board and the Leeds Jewish Day Centre at the Queenshill Centre and later. Sr Gemma's hospice, Moortown, Leeds, on June 10.

Birthdays today Mr Mike Breatley, J8: Mr Reg Butler, 67; Miss Angna Enters, 73: Mr Val Gielgud, 80: Mrs Odette Ralloves, GC, 68; Sir Odette Hallones, Bernard Shaw, 89.

Christenings

The infant daughter of Sir Graham and Lady Wilkinson was christened Louise Caroline Sylvia by the Rev Richard McLaren at Christ Church, Kensington, yesterday. The godparents are Mr Tom Arnold, Mr, Mr Roderick Collins, Mrs Stuart Fowler, the Ron Mrs Jonathan Bunt, and Mrs Peter McCaldin.

The infant son of Mr and Mrs The infant son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Turner was christened James William Hilary by the Rev Basil Foster at St Mary Magdalene. Old Somerby, on Sunday. April 27, 1980. The godparents are Mr Simon Fraser (for whom Mr Robert Henson stood proxy), Mr Richard Turner. Mr Jeremy Walker, Milss Mary Gordon-Watson, Mrs John Partridge and Lady Hugh Russell (for whom Mrs Joss Hanbury stood proxy).

Forthcoming. marriages

Mr L. J. Dowley and Miss S. Hamilton-Fairley The engagement is announced between Justin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L. E. Dowley, of Great Bowden. Market Harborough Leicestershire, and Sarah, second daughter of the late Professor G. Hamilton-Fairley, and of Mrs. Hamilton-Fairley and of Mrs Hamilton-Fairley, of Chepstow

and Miss K. J. Lister The engagement is announced hetween Stephen, only son of Mr and Mrs E. H. Platt, of Roman Road. London, and Ksren, eldest daughter of Colonel and Mrs I. S. Lister, of Caterham, Surrey.

Mr S. W. Roe . and Miss C. M. PitzG. Nowian

Mashall, Boreham, Essex, and Miss Janet Cicely Erskine, ellest daughter of the Hon David and Mrs Erskine, of Felsham Hause, Bury St Edmunds, Sulfolk, The Rev John Simons officiated, assisted by the Rev Jim Hobbs.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of twory silk with a flounce of audque Brussels lace and an annique lace velt tield in place by a family than. She carried a bruquet of white Camellas, Arabella Corrie, Miss Molly Erskine taker of the bridet, Miss Thoress Jonnson, Miss Susan Arthur and Miss Diana Arthur (sixters of the bridet, arthur throther of the bridegroom) was best man. hetween Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs A. W. Roe, of Birmingham. and Mary, daughter of Dr and Mrs N. V. Nowlso, of Dublin, The murriage will take place at Wor-cester College, Oxford, on August

Today's engagements Prince of Wales visits Home Office,

Duke of Edinburgh attends meeting of Standing Conference on Countryside Sports, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Great George Street, 12.45. The Duchess of Kent, as paron, visits Derwen Training College for Disabled, Oswestry, Shropshuro, 11.50; as paron visits the Robert Jones and Asnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, 12.30;

opens geriatric day hospital 12.30; opens geriatric day hospital at Wrekin Hospital, 3.15.

Here Be Dragons exhibitron: British Library Galteries, Great Russell Street, 10-5.

Mozart and Beethoven plano contests at Library St. Library certos. St lobu's. Smith Square.

Memorial service : Mr Philip Spink, St James's, Piccadilly,

Leathersellers

From Chive Cookson

Washington

Company The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs were entertained at dinner in Leathersellers' Hall on Wednesday, April 23.

Premium bond winners Winning numbers in the weekly draw for £100,000, £50,000 and £25,000 Premium Bond prizes, draw 104
525,000 Premium Bond prise
announced on Saturday, are:
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Biologists have been trying for

Marx, Benn and other political theologists By Clifford Longley

Religious Affairs Correspondent
"Theology" is a word that genous rather gentie style of applying Christian principles applying Christian principles to the affairs of state has

the splitting of fine abstract hairs in order to avoid reality". Theologians, however, treat practical politics as a dishonest game played by power-hungry

It is not surprising, there-fore, that "political theology" has not much of a following, and all the more ironic that at the same time politics seems short on vision while thenly-gians yearn for the market place.

Those who have a wall worked out idea of the ultimate purposes of life and the intriguing ways of Providence do have to have some dealings with less than ultimate purpases as the means to the end. To preach of Justice and Truth in general must involve preaching justice and truth in each particular time and place, which is how politics and thenlogy must encounter each other, disdainfully or other-

There are many strands to the native tradition of that encounter: the William Tem-ple legacy, politicized Metho-dism, and Christian socialism, for instance, and they all lean towards the left. The alternative conservative ontion is not a right-wing political theology, but no political theology at all, except for a general willing-

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Farm Street, hetween Mr Nicholas St Aubyn, ynunger son of the Hon Piers and

Mrs St. Aubyn, of Barcombe, Sussex, and Miss Jane Breaks, only daughter of Mr and Mrs William F. Brooks, of Malda Vale.

London. Dom Kenneth Superit

Pinlip Hayler.

The bride, who has given in marriage by her father, wore a goon of pale cream silk and

antique Coggeshall lace and a lung lace well held in place by a head-

dress of cream roses, fractias and illes-of-the-valley. She was atten-ded by William Brooks, Jessia Dobbs, Miss Bridget Soutil and Miss Georgina Chetwode. Mr

James St Aubyn, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Peter's, Felsham, Suffolk, between Mr Gordon Drake Arthur, elder son of Mr and Mrs Allan Arthur, of Mount

Maskall, Borcham, Essex, and Miss

Mr G. D. Arthur and Miss J. C. Erskine

groom) was best man.

Morley officiated.

mad.

Mr R. M. Hastam

Latest wills

Fiight Licotenant B. St L. Burnett and Miss C. A. Buxter

The marriage took place on Saturday at Holy Trinity Church.

Boston. Lincolnshire. Between Flight Lieurenant Bruce Burnett, older son of Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian and Lady Burnett, of Camban Survey.

Farnham, Surrey, and Miss Christine Baxter, daughter of Mr

and Mrs G. Baxter, of Boston. Lincolnshire, The Rev H. B. S.

Morey ornicates.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore; a gown of white most crepe and Guipure lace. The three-quarter length veil edged with lace was held in place by a semi-circular headdress of silk flowers. She

nons, white and yellow free, is a stenhanoris and illies of the

nons, white and yellow freehes, stenhanpris and filles-of-the-valley. Alasdair and Michelie Haylock and Michele Wallifica attended her. A guard of honour tors found by Officers of the RAF and Mr Robert Burnett was best man.

A reception was held at the Golf Horel, Woodhall Spa. and the honeymoon will be spent in

Miss C. S. Dorrien Smith

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Andrew's, Chew Magna, of Mr Richard Haslam,

younger son of the late Mr and Mrs C. H. C. Haslam, of The Old Rectory, Much Hadham, Hert-

fordshire, and Miss. Charlotte Dorrien Smith, daugnter of the

Sir Felix Edward Avimer Jones, of Cobham, Surrey (Felix Aylmer, the actor), left £47,298 net.
Other estates include (net. before tax paid; tax not disclosed);
Armitage, Mr Alan Ernest, of Alderley Edge, Cheshire £199,962
Browd, Mr William, of Epworth,
Humberside, farmer, £774,003

Science report

Chimaeras: Success with mice

studving such subjects as maternal-

Marriages

Mr N. F. St Aubyn and Miss J. M. Brooks

ness to drift with the prevail means of a chapter on the cise is class: can any religious ing secular current.

Levellers All the other contribute contribute contribute. Moods change, and the indi-

begun to seem rather milk-andwater compared with the drama and excitement of liberation theology in Latin America and the irisson gen-erated by the World Council of Churches' grants to guerrilla movements in Southern Africa. From a distance of a few thousand miles, some religious souls look enviously at the simplicity of a struggle between appalling riches and appalling poverty, or tyrannical whites and oppressed blacks.

Political theology seems both obvious and essential in such contexts: priests in fear of their lives because of their commitment to the poor do not have to reach deep into abstract ideas to explain what they are doing and why. So in Britain politically minded churchmen look restlessly round for equally clear cut issues, or some theory of politics which will reduce the British scene to some simple black and white collision of good and evil. Marx is quite a

useful ally in the process of oversimplification. . That is the climate that has produced Agenda for Prophets. a scries of essays subtitled "Towards a political theology for Britain", and starring Mr Anthony-Wedgwood Benn, by

late Lieutenant-Commander T. M. Durrien Smith, of Tresco Abbey, Isles of Scilly, and Lady O'Hagan, of Sutton Court, Stowey, mear Penslord, Somerset. The Right

Rev W. S. Llewellyn officiated,

Hughes.
The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr Robert Dorrien.

Smith, wore a gown of ivory crepe

de chine with a train of old Brussels lace, and a diamond and peart there. She carried a bouquet of cream freesies and other flowers. Michael Haslam, William

Hawkes, Adam Dorrien Smith, Jesse Burrows, Sebastiano D'Avanro, the Hon Nino Stracher, Alery Hasiam and Arabella Finillimore attended her. Mr Henry Hoelen was been man.

A reception was held at Sutton Court and the honeymoon will be

The marriage took place on Satur-day at St Christopher's, Winfrith

Newhurgh, Dorset, between Mr Nigel Macdonald Hodges, younger son of Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis

and Lady Hodges, of Allens House, Plextol, Kent, and Miss Deborch June Patmer, daughter of Major-General and Mrs Michael Paidler, of Cambrai House, Bovingsin, Derset. The Rev Edward Farrow

'The bride, who was given in marriage by her lather, ware a gown of Brussels lace and a net

veil held in place by a mora belonging to hir great-aunt. She was aftended by Peter Sherston, Eloise Paimer, Victoria Stockton.

Miss Marie-Louise Palmer and Mis-

Flona O'Flaherty, Mr David Hodges, hrother of the bride-

gruom, was best man.
A reception was held at the home of the bride and the homey-

St 'Clement Danes, Strand, on

April 26 after the marriage of Major Gordon Risius, Army Legal

Corps, son of Mr and Mrs Rudolf Risius, and Miss Lucinda Mary Beetham, daughter of Air Chief

Marshal Sir Michael and Lady

The marriage rook place on Saturday, April 19, 1980, in Chichester Cathedral, of Mr lames Stuart Jones, son of Major and Mrs J. S.

A. Jones, and Miss Sarah Caroline Marrow, daughter of Canon and hirs Peter Marrow, hir Timothy

A reception was held at Good-

The marriage took place on Saturday, at Holy Trinky, Brompton, between Captain Robin White, RAVC, son of Group Captain and birs Dunald White, of Little Therefore.

ford, Elv. and Miss Caroline Allen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Duncan Allen, of 5, Onslow Square, London, SW7. Canon

Maurice Robson officiated, assisted by the Rev Patrick Whitworth.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her lather, was attended by Victoria Shipton, Junette Finn and Timothy White.

Mr. Nicholas Bowen was best man

A reception was held, at the Hyde Park Hotel.

Evans, Mr Denzil, of Carmacthen. Dyfed, intextate ... £184,788

Kiddell, Mr Arthur James Bartram, of Sevenoaks, Kent, fine

shire, consulting engineer

muon will be spent abruad.

Alajor G. Risins. ALC, and Miss L. St. Beetham

Mr J. S. Jones and Miss S. C. Marrow

Jones was best man.

Captain R. J. White and Miss C. I. 31. Allen

woud House.

the Rev Geoifrey Greenices

Haslam was best mad.

Air N. M. Hodges

officiated.

and Miss D. J. Palmer

There is, indeed, a strong tendency to ignore the main areas of secular political debate, and, surprisingly for predominantly socialist writers, ignore the Labour Party. A theological critique of the Labour Party might have been a good place to begin. The essays are too diffuse to

seriously the apparent poverty

them are two: the political tameness of British (in fact,

English), church activity: and

the extreme difficulty of an-

alyzing English society in 2 way that allows a theologian a

handle to grapple with it. They

are at least all agreed-or all

except Mr Benn-that the

necessary analysis is not com-pleted by dividing politics into the Labour left and the rest.

The frustrations that

churches.

butors criticize themselves and. implicitly, each other as they That self-monitoring. however, is conspicuously less rigorous and careful than the better and more protound works of political theology that have been written on the America, inviting the comment that there are some questions even radical English Christians

review, and some of the contri-

do not want to ask themselves, for fear of the answers. The curse of such an exer-

butors are ecclesiastical in background, and all take

much more than theological when written by " tontiam " midole:sged, of political thinking in the middle-class, white, mainstream church-going persons, however unity they keep their suburban gar-

dens ? · · It is a monk who puts his finger on the problem, in an essay contributed from the edge". Genuine Prophetic" activity, Father Thomas Cullinan says has to come from those who are willing to set themselves totally free from vested interests of status and maney, abandoning what is stable and secure.

That does not suggest that a

forceful political theology is waiting to be discovered, if only churchmen would spend more time thinking harder and reading Marx (or Bean). Itsuggests that the people who would write it do no; yet exist, or hardly do. And when it man written it might not be recognized as political theology at all. It appears to be the lesson of Latin America that the first essentiai step is an absolute and irreversible commitment, nor just of one's mind but et one's life, selling all, in fuct; and then starting erresh to make sense of the world in the light of personal experience and reflection on it. Agendu for Prophets tenined by Rex Ambler and David Haslam; Bowerdean Press, £2.95.

The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Peter Gadsden, pauses at the Whittington cat statue on Highgate Hill during his annual charity walk yesgate Hill during ins annual statement London gangway. In 1968, she was suspended boroughs.

RAF 38 Group

Dinner St George's College, Weybridge. The annual dinner of the Old gians' Association was on Saturday at St George's College, Judge Anthony Allen, president, was the guest of honour and the head how or the school was present. Mr Peter Brooker, vice president, presided.

Service dinner

HAIS St Vincent, 1939-45 The annual reunion dinner of HMS St Vincent, 1939-43 held on Saturday at the Eccleston Hotel, was attended by ships officers and officers of the Sr Vincent pilot and observer courses. Captain V. Lamb, RN, presided.

Service reunions

HQ. 14th Army/3rd TAF/Chinthe Officers
The HQ 14th Army 3rd TAF,'
Chinth: Officers' Dinner Club
held their annual reunion at the Albert Ball on Saturday evening on the occasion of the Burma Star Association Reunion.

The Leys School The Summer Term at The Leys begins today. C. N. Pattinson continues as senior prefect and C. Le Bosquet is appointed captain of cricket. Half term is from May

The Oratory School

The Summer Term begins today. The school captain is F. J. M. Fitzpatrick. Captain of cricker is ture will be given on May 2 by Miss Joyce Sugg, Lecturer at New-man College. Birmingham. Open Day will be on May 31 followed

Memorial service

Airs E. A. Benians A memorial servic Dean of St John's, the Rev A

Harrow School

The Summer Term begins today. A. J. C. Collett (Druries) continues as head of the school and C. L. Feather (West Acrel is captain of cricket. Speech Day will be on Saturday, May 24, and the half-term exeat will extend from 6 32 mm on Soroch Day until 9.0

iss E. Williams, Contrained J. mans, Mrs J. Benichs, Ne and birs Beniams, viles B. Lemans and hir d Mrs L. Choven.

Fusiliers was held at Bury perish church yesterday. After the service, the salute at the march past was taken by Lieutenant-General Sir James Wilson. Colonol The Royal Regiment of Fuelliers. A reception was held later at the Castle Armoury, Bury. The quests

their rumani remact in the Officers' Mers, RAF Station, Longham, Avon, on Saturday by

permission of the Station Com-

manier, Grup Capala J. Hard-stofft, Members and gooss were

Melcomed by Sir Arthur Norman, the President. Greats included Air Vice-Marshal D. P. Hall, and

Group Captain W. Croydon.

XX The Lancashire Fusitiers

The annual Galtinuli commemora-tion service of XX Tax Lanceshire

Service reception

included:
The Lord Laurerant of Greater Manchester the high Shortif, the Moriers of Berry Recheder, Splicial, Oldbran and St. Recheder, Commander J. E. Petres and to detactive the Price Edwards, Mr. Frank Maile, MP and Mr. David Trippier, Mr. Frank Maile, MP and Mr. David Trippier, Mr. Frank Maile, MP and Mr. David Trippier, Mr. Frank Maile, MP and Mr.

by half-term until June 3. Term ends on July 11

6.39 pm on Speech Day until 9.0 pm on Wednesday, May 28. Governors' Speech Day and be on Thursday, June 5. Association Day: will be on Saturday, July 3, and term will end on Friday, July 11. The Eton v Harrow match sill The Eton v Harrow match allitake place at Lord's on Saturday and Sunday, July 12 and 13:

Sheriff since 1835. He was also

OBITUARY

DAME CICELY COURTNEIDGE Actress of varied talents for over 70 years

DEE, the actress, who died on Saturday, aged 87, rose to, and for many years' remained, at and musical comedy; and then, at a late stage in her career, switched over to the legitimate theatre, establishing herself. there also. It was the success story not,

primarily, of her simply as the caughter of Robert Courtneidge, actor and subsequently producer-manager, nor as the wife of Jack Hulbert (who died in 19787, but of Cicely Court neicge herself. ...

Robert Courmeidge was with a company in Sydney, Australia, when his eldest child was born there on April L 1893. He allowed her to appear under his management in Manchester and London-her first appearance on the stage had been in 1901but did not make a favourite of her, and when she became engaged to Jack Hulbert, whose iest professional job had been to play opposite her in 1913, he would not agree to their marrying until two years later, in 191a.

The musical comedy in which size was then appearing failed, and this, Courtneidge's third failure since the outbreak of the First World War, put him temporarily out of business and his daughter out of work for many months. At last, with her husband in

the Army she secured a provinvariety. This proved to be the first step in a new career for her es a comedienne specializing in cameo character sketches,... From music halls she went on .. to play one-night stands, and after a debut in revue with Bulbert in London, had no further opportunity there till she and



musical comedy were under the management of Hulbert and his business partner, but at the end of that time, as a result of speculation by the business a tour in a comedy by partner, the firm's accounts Douglas Home, and by showed no profit only an enor substantial of her Lone mous loss.

could earn more money inde-pendently of each other, than rogether. Even so it needed the boom in British films in the early 1980s, to reestablish them

When she returned to the stage; Bobbie Howes was her costar, and it was not till 1938, in Under Your But, with tousic by Virian Ellis, that she and her busband were reunited in the "live"

her husband were engaged by theatre. She was appointed C Edward Laurillard for a nine. During the Second World 1951 and advanced to D oclock revue as the Little War she appeared in four new. 1972. In 1953 her autobios Theatre in 1973. Shows with him and in addition. Gicely was published, the next appearances in three founded an Ack Ack Comforts survived by her only charge successful revues and a Fund and toured the Mediter daughter.

satire, she had her firs vehicle, which served naticently in post-war

but not subsequently, Yörk. After she had toure. Ha in it and had enio a moderate success of nura, Ivor Novello w composed a musical her. Gay's The Word proved to be his own I for the theatre, and th of her career as a on

band or musical exirt personified. In 1956 she did a play, a farce, by Ronale during the run of w broadcast in a varie gramme, and in 1960 farce by Millar brou Hulberts together in musical play for the fir Her return to music

version of Noel (Blithe Spirit was follo mous loss.

The two stars thereupod seps. This, which showed he rated professionally, since they she had travelled from cesses in the legitimare clown in clover of he days while remaining nizably the publics own Coormeidge was in Temper's old part in Smith's Dear Octobu which in the 52nd year marriage, Hulbert once early 1988s, to reestablish them financially through a succession. Smith's Dear Occupu of comedy talking pictures. Their joint successes in that marriage, Hulbert once medium included The Gaost played opposite to her. Train and Jack's the Boy. Cicely Courneidge also made a film her in 1971, the year in Hollywood and several films in England, such as Soldiers of stage, within the King, without Hulbert. Move Over, Mrs Markha.

ther in 1971, the year in she celebrated her 70th a stage, with the play. Move Over, Mrs Markha. comedy rank for 18 n enjoying great moularit in Britain and in Cana 1974 a revival of Bre-Spring saw her again to opposite her hushand

BARONESS WARD

four to her credit, including.

Baroness Ward of North Tyneside, CH, DBE, better remembered as the rumbustious Dame Irene Ward, Conservative MP for Tyneside and the longest serving woman member of the House of Commons, died London on Saturday, aged

For the many causes that she championed-improved pay and conditions for nurses and mid-nives, the shipbuilding indusand the fishing industry— she was, as Mrs Thatcher once put "a doughty fighter without being a blue-stocking".

Inceed, she often caused as much mouble for Conservative governments as for Labour administrations in her constant sniping from her place on the back-bench just above the

for five days for her behaviour during a protest which she made against what she regarded. as the "dictatorship" of the Labour Government over its RAF 38 Group Association held: on another occasion, she took he vacant seat of the Prime Minister on the front bench and refused to move. saying that she was carrying out a peaceful picket in aid of pensioners

She got a great deal of fun out of politice—and gave a lot. as she disposed herself and her caormous handhag on her seat, rubbing her hands and peering

caseri: about her. lrene Mary Bewick Ward, the daughter of an architect, was brought up in Newcastle upon Tyne. After leaving school, she became a secretary working for an industrialist. and in her spare time was honorary secretary of the North-umberland Conservative Association. In 1924 and 1929, she stood unsuccessfully as Con-servative candidate for Morpeth, and in 1931 she defeated Miss Margaret Bond-

defeated Miss Margaret Bond-field, the first woman Cabinet Minister, at Wallsend. Lady Ward lost this seat to Labour in the 1945 election, hat returned to the Commons in 1950 after winning Tyne-mouth from Miss G. Colman (Labour) by more than 5,000 votes. In the 1930s she had heen in the British Government. been in the British Government. delegation to the League of Nations, and during the 1939-

MR R. O. GURNEY Mr Richard Quintin Gurney, who was High Sheriff of Nor-

folk in 1959 and Lord Mayor of Nerwich in 1961, has died in hospital after a riding accident. He was 66.

Gurney was a member of a banking family, and was the seventh member to be High

appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Norfolk in 1969. During the Second World War he served in France and North Africa with the Royal Artillery, was taken prisoner at Tobruk in 1942, and escaped from the 45 war was a member of a ting far more She re Ministry of Labour committee against the Government concerned with the call-up of appeared on the same pla women. She went to China in as Mr jo Grimond, the L 1943 to project the British war leader, and Mr Kenneth I other countries.

She was lucky in the ballow of feel the lash of her to for the right to introduce at an Abert Hall rally he for the right to introduce at an Alber Private Members Bills She had whe nurses.

one to enable local authorities the constitution and rule to pay pocket money to old the Royal College of Nu people in institutions.

But her main task was to wives required Private Bil Bur her main task was to wives required Private Bil defend the interests of the ship- be passed by Parliament. yard workers and industries on Typeside; she became notations Ward willingly took on the of shepherding them throug She served on committee the Royal Colleges; and for badgering Ministers at ques-

tion time on local issues. The Royal Colleges, and She embarrassed several made an honorary vice-presi Prime Winisters with her wake of the RCN for her devotic the nurses cause. She was ward, often funny questions. She had a habit of asking Mr. a spokeswoman for the C tered Society of Physical pists in 1955 she wrote a Edward Heath, when he was tered Society of Physicial Prime Minister, if he would pists in 1955 she wrote a care to "make a date" with on the work of the FANY her so that she could chaving Aid Nursing Yeomenry) chim of the rightness of some FANY heaten. Government action she was She was a welcome spi

advocating. He siways made a sty Tory momens' confergellant reply and feroused color When she was suspended in flowered hits. During one When she was suspended to flowered this. During one 1968 by Mr. Speaker King, the pured division in the Combad been protesting on the she lent her hat to three floor of the Chamber, setting Mrs in succession so that in the way of the tellers at the could raise points of order end of a division and arguing the Speaker only powith the Speaker At one point, during a division when it bloked as though the same and Membar remains seated going to run off with the Mace covered."

Frequently, she insertuated in a EBC programme.
Labour Ministers with pointed ing Politics, in 1972, Mrs. comments. She was berracking gare. Thetcher, said of in this way when Mr. Fred She's a tremendously st Pears, now Lord Pears, teader personality; she never mis of the Obmastical Address Markets. Peart, now Lord Pears Leader personality; she never mis of the Opposition peers, but chance; she's known then Minister of Agriculture, respected thereter she go reacted angrily, saying she was behaving like a fishwife. She retorted: "I represent a fishing constituency and I am

She nearly always had a sym-situation to advantage instruction to advantage instruction to advantage instruction. pathetic response from Mr And I must confess Harold MacMillan, when he was Trene does sometimes get Prime Minister, because he wan things that no one knew the problems of the borth-

She was never a nurse, but she was an untiling champion of the nurses and midwives during their frequent barries with governments over pay policy. They always seemed to be last in the queue.

Mr Enoch Powell, when Minister of Health, came under severe attack from Dame Irece,

severe strack from Dame Irece, she continued to press it as she was at the time when he terests of Tyneside in insisted in 1962 that the payses, thous and in debates. She was should be held to a 2.5 per cent thou Fellow of the Lucy C pay increase while others! per dish Collegiate Society including the dockers were get bridge.

MR T. K. FINLETTER FRAU KATIA MAI Frau Katharina (Katia) 7 'Mr Thomas Knight Finletter.' who was Secretary of the Airwidow of Thomas Mand novelist, died in Switzerlar

Force under President Truman in the United States, and before April 25. She was 97. that was head of a Marshall plan mission to Britain, died in New York on April 24. He was Kana Mann a member In 1961 President Kennedy appointed him as ambassador to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and be continued

Munich family, and Th Mann were married in in 1955. In 1975 she be . at this post under President: for the first time an authher own right by allowing dent of the Soviet Republic of lication of her Meine Moldavia, died on April 21, at schriebenen Memoiren, the age of 64.

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esting to watch her keyers nuance of procedur the House, She can use

could, because we all say,
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women say in just as mu
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the men.

Lady Ward was made Ci1929, DRE in 1935 and a
panion of Henour in 1973
became a Life Peer after

retired from the Common

'Apple war' confrontation is postponed, not averted

is likely to last upul the next growing \$6350d, despite attempts by growers to end it. A statement issued after a measure of C issued after a meeting of Franch and English growers in London last week made it clear that there had been little progress on the central question of curbing the number of French apples sold in

The statement said that French growers were "not able" to restrict the quantities of their apples sold in Britain, but had agreed to consider "qualitative means." It then listed proposals which French growers agreed to discuss with their cooperatives.

They were that imports to the They were that imports to see United Kingdom and exports from it should be only of class one apples and fruit which was not nacked loosely in "jumble packed loosely in "jumble packs". It added: "Any fruit packs". It added: Say which failed to conform to these classifications would be returned

Agriculture **Hugh Clayton**

at the owners' cost to the packers There was no mention of any agreement with countries other than France which sell apples to Britain. Furthermore, Mr Dan Neute-

boom, chairman of the apple and pear committee of the Automat Farmers' Union of England and

the words of reconciliation attered . M. Calleja's gentle tone was by French growers did not even more surprising in the light cusquise the fact that the two sides of comments by Mr. Neute-had postponsed rather than boom at a meeting of apple averted a confrontation. had postpoused rather than averted a confrontation.

Mr Neuteboom, the Dutch born owner of 150 acres of apple trees owher of 150 acres of applie trees may loswich, said that English growers would want an agreement to cut French imports by middlene. A Charles Galieja, president of the apple section of Acofel, the French association of fruit and vicerable concernities with and vegetable cooperatives, said : "I am happy to say that our English friends are on our side in descooling this sector in Brussels, ?..

He used criticism of Brussels as Farmers' Union of Engiana and Wales, indicated that English growers would have iittle faith in the power of "qualitative measures" to meet their tim of a substantial cut in French imports this year.

The joint statement issued by French and English interests and leaflets concerning Prench fruit,

to the account of his speech issued by the NFU. He said: "For 30 years the French

Mr Kirill, llyashenko, Presi-

25 years ago From The Times of Thus April 28, 1955

National Service If the Opposition in tuday's of the House of Commons

establish a reasonable case reducing the period of na service the Labour-Party will a popular measure-ready mac its electors pringramme. So "For 30 years the French attacked us with axes. Then it was guns; now it is with their surplus fruit and vegetables."

The English growers tase received qualified support yesterday from a committee of 1-12 British. European Democraic ment who have been investigating the apple industry. They have discovered fliat. English con apples are preferred by older shoppers wife French Golden. Delictous are bought increasingly by young families."

These statistics indicate a worrying trend for the future market for English varieties."

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several years to combine two embryos from different species to produce "characteristics of back with the haracteristics of both. There have been several partial successes, but this week's Science contains "the first report of completely normal developments of interspecific chimaeras in mammals ". Janet Rossant, of Brock University, Ontario, and William Freis, of the Jackson Laboratory, Maine, made their chimaeras from

mouse, Mus musculus and Mus caroli. Their mice, which are about a year old, look and behave like a true mixture of the two species, and genetic analysis confirmed they were made up of cells term "chimaera" may suggest that the creatures are just

hologists' freaks, created to satisfy scientific curiosity. In fact they are expected to be extremely useful for many studies in mammalian development, since genetic differences between the two species are sufficient to identify unequivocally the two different cell types in any pissue (for example, by means of speciesspecific antiserums).

Interspecific chimaeras are also of potential interest to biologists

foetal interactions and the genetic Control of mating behaviour.
The simplest and most common appronazio chimaera production is the aggregation method, which merely involves the fusion of two embryos at a very early stage of development (usually when each has devided into about eight

cells). But Rossant and Freis used another, more complicated technique, the blastocyst injection method devised by Richard method' devised hy Richard Gardner at Oxford University.

By means of microsurgery they dissected the so-called inner cell masses from M. caroli blastocysts injected them into M. musculus blastocysts, (blastocysts are embryos that have reached stage of development, where cells are differentiated into two types, mner and outer). The

combined embryos were then transferred to the uteri of M., musculus females, where they developed normally.

The resulting chimaerse looked and behaved like a hybrid herween M. Musculus, the common labora-tory mouse, and M. caroli. a smaller wild species from Thai-land. All their tissues contained enzymes characteristic of each

species, and a hybrid enzyme was

present in the skeletal muscle, where cells from the two species,

had fused together.
The adult female chimaeras are

fertile, but unfortunately their offspring have all been sterile so Other proups have attempted to make rat mouse chimaera, using

both the aggregation and the

blastocyst injection techniques, but without complete success.

Some of the rat-mouse embryos mixed rat and mouse tissues at first. But the few that survived until hirth showed very little evidence of rat tissue, suggesting that there was selection against the rat cells as the foetuses grew. In contrast, the house chimaeras of Rossant and Feels showed no selection against either of the two

It is of course possible to cross

breed certain closely related pecies; by artificial insemination it not by natural interpreeding. Indeed M. musculus and M. Indeed M. musculus and M. caroli hybrids can be produced, with difficulty, by insemination, though they are invariably aterile. But such crosses carry only one set of hybrid genes and they are, therefore, quite different from Chimaeras, which contain two distinct sets of genes—those from their M. purches and parents and their M. musculus parents and those from their M. caroli parents. Source: Science (April 25, vol 208,

A memorial service was held on Saturday in the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge, for Mrs Sylvia Mary Benlans. The The Maciorosh, officiated and the lesions were read by the Mistress of Sirton and the Master of St John's. Gifton and the alaster of of John S. Among those present were:

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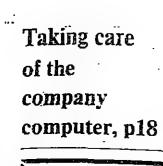
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Leadings and Mrs. M. Frences.



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Can the IMF needy? page 19

Stock markets FT Index 427:5 down 7.3 FT Gilts 65.61 down 0.37

Sterling \$2,2760-\$2,2790.

Index 73.8, up 03

Dollar

Index 87.4, unchanged.

四 Gold \$550.50, up 0.28.

Money

3 mth sterling 17 %-17 % 3 mm Euro 5 16.3-16.3. 6 mth Euro S 151-151. FRIDAY'S CLOSE

IN BRIEF

EEC bonds proposed to recycle

Opec funds lelgian Prime Minister, sugested that the European Cornaunity should offer securities enominated in European curency units to oil-producing

He told a meeting of EEC eads of government in Luxemourg that this would help ccycle the surplus dollars of nembers of the Organisation of etroleum Exporting Countries,

eter Norman writes. He also suggested that the uropean Monetary System hould be amended to force ountries with below average Mation performances to take orrective measures. It was unlear how the other heads of overnment reacted to Mr. lartens' ideas.

In the discussion on the uropean Monetary System, err Helmut Schmidt, the West erman Chancellor, told Mrs hatcher that Germany would ill like to see Britain become

leer statistics

Britain is the world's third ingest brewing nation, ranking chind the United States and lest Germany, but is only ghth in the league for world er drinkers, according to the clearly for April. test International Survey of rewing and Beer Drinking. est Germans, Australians, zechs, East Germans, Danes, ew Zealanders and Belgians l drink mor than Britons.

Jhira energy mission

Mr Massayoshi Ohira, the apanese Prime Minister will sk Mexico to triple its crude il supplies to Japan, and will sk Canada to apanese a feet and the Engineering Em sk Canada to ensure a long-erm steady supply of fuel coal reasonable prices when he isits Mexico and Canada early jext month, according to overnment sources quoted by voda News Service.

Vosper inquiry call

Vosper, now a subsidiary of lavid Brown Holdings, has alled for a public inquiry into its dispute with the Government wer compensation for its shipwilding and repairing interests, nationalized in 1977. So far, the company has been offered 4.5m for net tangible assets valued at \$25m.

Car sales drop

The downturn in car sales in The downturn in car sales in Britain predicted by Sir Ierence Beckett, chairman of Ford last week may have already started. April sales are likely to show a drop of one third compared with April last rear, according to figures circulated privately within the motor

Premium oil for Japan

In the midst of the Iranian in the flidst of the franchicrisis, two Japanese firms Identitso and Daikyo have secured an additional 105,000 barrels a day of Kuwait crude oil, Petroleum Intelligence Weekly reports. But the companies will have to pay a premium of roughly \$5.50 a barrel over the official selling price of \$27.50.

Cons Gold denial

Consolidated Gold Fields. consolidated Gold Fields, and the two leading groups in Mr Harry Oppenheimer's empire, Anglo American and De Beers, say they have not been buying more shares in Cons Gold beyond the 25 per cent accumulated in February's market cons. To any event, they market coup. In any event, they will not go beyond 29.9 per

ASDA turnover up ASDA Stores, the Associated Dairies Group subsidiary, which is Britain's largest operator of superstores, has achieved a 1 per cent improvement in its stare of the retail market in three more of supersing prosubmission, is failing to attract an adequate number of young people, largely through the in-dustry's poor image, the federa-tion believes that the United Kingdom's economic decline cannot be blamed entirely on the performance of professional three months of squeezing pro-fit margins on 300 high volume lines in its 73 stores.

US interest rates set for a substantial drop, bankers say

Washington, April 27

Reductions in United States interest rates, expected this week, are likely to mark the start of a substantial drop in prime rates, according American bank economists.

Commercial and consumer can demand is now falling significantly, according to data from the Federal Reserve Board. At the same time, the Fed is seen as easing its tightly restrictive credit stance somewhat. Some easing is possible for the Fed now without changing its money supply target ranges for this year, because of sharp cuts in the money stock in recent weeks.

A large number of corporations are now showing great interest in making loans in the commercial near making to the commercial near making the commercial ne

commercial paper market for as long as 270 days, which is the maximum perind for this market, and this indicates to traders that many company treasurers believe interest rates are headng downwards.

The degree to which the money stock has fallen has surprised analysts and perhaps the Fed as well. Last week the Fed bought over 52,000m of government securities and so added fresh cash to the markets.

The money supply, as defined on a MIE basis consisting of currency plus most demand deposits, fell by \$1,900m in the weak to April 16 after declining by \$1,100m in the previous week. The Fed's target for MIE growth from the fourth MIE growth from the fourth quarter of last year to the fourth quarter of 1980 is 4 to 6.5 per cent. Over the last 13 weeks the annual rate of growth of this measure of the money of this measure of the money stock has been just 1.4 per

Last year saw record level credit demands, with the house-hold sector raising \$160,400m in the markets, and with the corporate sector raising more than \$150,000m. In the first few months of this year, the pace continued to be hectic. But changes are emerging quite

Backing for

Engineering

The Engineering Employers
Federation (EEF) which represents over 65,000 member companies employing 1.75 million

people, has given its support to

Industry, on its request, since the report was published in

Many of the professional in-

stitutions in their submissions have also reserved their judg-ment about a body such as the proposed Engineering Authority which would depend on govern-

ment for its finances.
That is an area highlighted in the EEF response. It says that an initial investment by govern-

ment may be necessary to establish the body, but thereafter it must be financially independent

dent.
It also recommends that the

It also recommends that the authority should be accountable to the Privy Council rather than parliament through the Secretary of State for Industry and would as a consequence be less dependent on government Although the engineering in-

dustry, the EEF admits in its submission, is failing to attract

federation.

In the first three months of this month, consumer loans extended by banks fell by \$524m, compared to a rise in the same year ago period of 594im, according to Fed data. The Fed also reported that cummercial loan demand at the largest New York banks fell in the last week by \$513m, after declining in the previous week

by \$449m A new report by the Mellon Bank asserts that the corner on interest rates has been turned, it suggests that real conomic activity in the United States for the balance of this year will fall by 2.5 per cent, and that by the end of the year the inflation rate could be down to 10 per cent from more than 18 per cent

Mellon Bank gives a warning about the dangers of making predictions, but it states that consistent with its growth and inflation forecasts are forecasts for this year of falls of 6 per cent in short-term interest rates and declines of 1 to 2 per cent

in long-term rates.

A number of bank economists now believe that rates this year may fall as sharply as they rose over the last year. The prime rate is now between 19 and 19.5 per cent, compared to 11.75 ner cent 12 months ago, and the yield on 30 year treasury bonds rose from 8.75 per cent last July to a peak in late March of 12.25 per cent.

But some experts say that cuphoria over imminent rate cuis may prove to be premature. Economists at Merrill Economics Incorporated do believe that rates will fall this year, but they doubt if the declines will start materializing before the early summer, They point out that companies

may have substantial borrowing needs as the recession bites because of inventory financing, that inflation will continue at weeks still and that the dollar could also face tough selling pressure if rates fell too

strategy under MPs' scrutiny

By David Blake Economics Editor

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chan-cellor of the Exchequer, will face tough questioning from MPs at a meeting of the House of Commons Select Committee on the Treasury and the Civil Service today on the Government's plans for the economy over the next four years.

In particular, they seem

likely to want to examine the prospects for Government plans aimed at transforming the nationalized industries from heavy net borrowers into profit earners, the size of the Covernmen's pay bill, and prospects for the corporate sector.

This will be Sir Geoffrey's

second oppearance before the committee. When he gave evi-dence a formight ago he was questioned closely about the Government's pay bill this financial year being 25 per cent higher than it was during the 1979-80 financial year.

The Chancellor felt that the tone of the questioning at that session, and subsequent press reports were a setback to Govrnment efforts for lower pay demands

demands.

The MPs were particularly worried about how the pay bill could increase so much when the Government had imposed cash limits which were generally thought to imply a 14 per cent pay rise ceiling.

Although the Chancellor ex-plained that the two figures are consistem, and subsequently wrote to Mr Edward du Cann, chairman of the committee, to clarify the matter further, the way the figures became known has undoubtedly damaged the Government's campaign : to lower wage settlements.

Matters were not helped by the Chancellor stating that the private sector was also giving large pay settlements of about 181 per cent in the year up to March. Some Government officials feel that this overstates the rate of pay increases during the present round.

Members of the committee have expressed considerable scepticism about many of the figures contained in the Goveroment's mediunt term finan-

Clothing employers' associations to unite

clothing manufacturing industry will form a single organization to represent companies at national government and inter-

national government and inter-national level.

The move to strengthen the voice of the industry comes during increasingly severe pres-sure on manufacturers from imports. The British Clothing Industry Association will have a combined membership from several hundred companies emthe Finniston inquiry proposal to establish an Engineering Authority, but stresses that at least 50 per cent of its membership should be chosen by the federation federation.
The recommendations are contained in the federations response to the Finaliston Report on Engineering and represent the latest of many submitted to the Department of January.

Many of the Finniston proposals have led to controversy, not least of which has been the composition and the size of the

setty Manufacturers Associa-tion, the Overall Manufacturers Association and the Shirt, Col-lar and Tie Manufacturers

proposed authority.

The Council of Engineering Institutions, which would lose a great deal of its power and influence to the new proposed authority has strongly criticized such a body which could easily be subjected to the "shifting winds of political convenience". a separate agreement.

Mr Gerald French; directordesignate of the new association (BCLA), said that the
moves reflected the industry's In the EEF submission, it does oppose, however, the creation of any new body without using the existing frame

industry organization, the British Clothing Industry's Council for Europe, It will also

BCIA will be established formally on July 1, 1980, but will not be fully operational until Jamary 1982. An 18-month transition has been agreed to allow for gradual assimilation of the various associations.

the weekend that the formation of BCIA was a significant step forward. "By promoting and protecting manufacturers' interests on a united basis we can meet the challenges of the eighties with renewed vigour and confidence."

months. Several thousands more are on short-time working.

on increased penetration by cheap imports. Clothing manu-facturers have called for stricter application of present controls, introduced under the Multicriticized for being too week negotiation of a more restrictive trading regime, when the exist-BCIA will take over all interving regime expires at the end parional and government of 1981. Fibre Arrangement, and the

Chancellor's Albright & Wilson jobs 'at risk' if Iran trade embargo is imposed

White collar trade union leaders fear that Albright & Wilson, Britain's second largest chemicals company, may be prevented from selling to Iran if the United States imposes an embargo on trade with the сопипту.

This would be seriously damaging to job security at A & W, Mr Roger Lyons, national officer of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs said.

He fears that the embargo would be extended to A & W, which he says does "substan-tial" business in Jran, by its American parent, Tenneco. Earlier this year, Mr Lyons called on Sir Keith Joseph, Sec-retary of State for Industry, to investigate Tenneco's trading policies for A & W, after it be-came known that the British

subsidiary was made to comply with United States licensing egulations for exports to Cuba. Mr Lyons said then that this contravened the terms of an understanding drawn up between Tenneco and the Department of Industry at the time of the A & W takeover in 1978.

By Patricia Tisdall
Management Correspondent
Speculation that the Government may merge the Department of Trade with the Department of Industry has increased since the recent department of the property of th

several senior civil servents

and the amalgamation of some

The most recent move has been that of Mr Ron Dearing, who goes to head the Post

Office's postal operation next

month from a deputy secretary-ship in the Department of Industry. A month earlier Mr John Lippitt, another DOI

deputy secretary announced, his

deputy secretary announced, his resignation to so to GEC.
Only one of the two vacancies is to be filled. Mr Roy Croft is being promoted to deputy secretary to take over shipbuilding, posts, telecommunications.

ing, posts, telecommunications and the aircraft and aeroengine

Industrial and commercial policy, international matters and the National Enterprise Board

which were previously handled by Mr Lippitt are to go to Mr Gordon Manzie of the Depart-ment's industrial development

At the Department of Trade, Mr John Caines, who has been on secondment to the National Enterprise Board, has become

deputy secretary. However, he will combine the posts of chief executive of the British Overseas Board with responsibility for export policy, commercial relations with individual countries and the Department's in-

This reduces the number of Department of Trade's under secreturies from six to five. Mr

Dearing's departure from the DOI leaves Industry with six under secretaries, but at least

wo are due for retirement with-

in six months.

The mos

Industry department

may merge with trade



Mr David Livingstone: damage been negligible.

The Department of Industry has now replied that there has been no breach by Tenneco of assurances given. However, assurances given. Howe Lord Trenchard, Minister State, has agreed to keep the matter under review.

In a letter to ASTMS he

Mrs Shirley Williams.

Carey as his number two.

Antony in 1976.

On the civil service from Sir

At the Department of Trade,

adds, "The Government is greatly concerned about attempts by foreign governments, including the United States government, to influence the activities in the United Kingdom of subsidiaries of companies under their jurisdiction."

A Bill, designed to safeguard companies from this sort of interference, is expected to receive Royal Assent soon.

Yesterday, Mr Lyons said the Government's, reply revealed the complete inadequacy of safeguards established at the time of the takeover.

It also exposes how powerful myliopripuse can nick and

"It also exposes how power-ful multinationals can pick and choose which laws and regulations to abide by, and how powerless employees are to

safeguard their own interests in such circumstances."

Mr David Livingstone, managing director of A & W, has said that his company will

dent, and M Engen became has said that his company will continue to operate as an autonomous subsidiary. In a letter to Mr Lyons last month, he explained that damage to the company's export business caused by restrictions imposed via Tenno's American connexion has been negligible. general director.

Computing centre funds cut

The amalgamations of under secretary posts are part of a general drive to cut down an staff employed in the Civil Service. At the Department of Industry the intention is to phase down the numbers from about 5,425 last December to about 4,650. Trade is to be reduced from 7,325 to 7,100.

A merger would recreate the By Bill Johnstone
The Government is to cut by 50 per cent some of the special 50 per cent some of the special funding given to the National Computing Centre bringing its finances into line with those of private industry and, other research groups.

Although it will affect only a small proportion of the centre's activities they are those which involve the international

A merger would recreate the joint department for Trade and Industry which existed during the 1970-74 Conservative administration. This was split up by the Lebour Government in March 1974 into three separate which involve the international discussions on standards for the computing industry. These talks will in future be required to be funded in part by private The centre was established

Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn became Secretary of State for Industry, Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for the separate Department of Trade out of which came the newly created and run 15 years ago by direct government grant aid, but over the years it has managed to raise quits a substantial part of its income by selling its Department for Prices and Con-sumer Protection headed by expertise to industry.

It has 2,000 members comprising of manufacturers of computers, software or program creators and the users

of those computer systems. Nearly 80 per cent of that memthe Orion Insurance Company. became permanent secretary at the new Department of Indus-try with Mr (now Sir) Peter bership are users and con-sequently the activities of the centre have been designed for Peter Carey succeeded Sir their convenience. Specially designed software

packages and training courses have made the centre more Sir Max Brown became per-manent secretary to be suc-ceeded a few months later by Mr (now Sir) Peter Thornton. financially dependent over the past three years, with nearly 75 per cent of its income being Appointed permanent secretary to the new Department of Prices. generated by such professional SETVICES. and Consumer Protection was Mr (now Sir) Kenneth Clucas, a former Civil Service Com-But the centre acts as spokes-man for the British computer industry and line frequently to

represent the country in nego-nations with similar bodies in France, Germany and Scandimissioner.

The most recent reshuffle occurred immediately after the election last year when the Government reamalgamented the.

ravis.

Future funding of £900,000 has been allocated. After this the state will subsidize only on a pound for pound basis.

Empain chief holds on to group control

From Charles Hargrove From Charles Hargrove
Paris, April 27
Baron Edonard Jean Empain,
one of the most powerful industrialists in Europe, and
president of the EmpainSchneider group, has decided
to retain control of the group.
After he was kidnapped for
63 days in early 1978, Baron
Empain handed over the running of the group, which const Empain handed over the run-ning of the group, which com-prises 150 companies specializ-ing in heavy and nuclear engi-neering with a total turnover of 22,000m francs (£2,315m), to M Rene Engen, one of his closest associates while he re-covered from his ordeal, Howcovered from his ordeal. However, in October of the same year he was reelected prest.



Baron Edouard-Jean Empairi recovered zest for life.

Early this year, there were again rumours that Baron Empain wished to abandon the presidency of the group which employs 130,000 people, but in an interdew with the news magazine Le Point, he stated that be had recovered his zest for life, and was resuming ac-tive control. His resons for taking over

again were that the group was in a way "his baby", that he had a duty towards his force bears and that he had some personal scores to settle.
"Those who think they can wrong, he said. "I give them six months to return to the

He was convinced that the government - preferred to .deal with him over the restructuring of the French steel indus-try in which the group has an important stake through Creusot Loire, which he set up in 1970; and has, under his leadership, branched out into nuclear

technology.

After being released by his kidnappers, he received seven eral anonymous threatening letters and telephone calls.tr ing to make him relinquish of the Schneider group.

Argentine banks taken over to halt panic

From Our Correspondent Bunnas Aires, April 27

The Argentine Ministry of Economy has taken over the management of three con-glomerates which own the first, nighth and tenth largest surviv-

Department of Prices and Consumer Protection with Department of Trade.

The best known of these groups is Sasetru, the largest group, lost 55 per cent of its Argentine grain exporter in deposits and the Banco Oddons, owned by Senor Luis Oddone, ment in mills and oilseed crush

leighth and tenth largest surviving banks in the country. The Government is attempting to stop the financial panic which followed the closing of the Banco de Intercambio Regional, the country's largest private bank, last month.

According to a ministry statement the motive for the intercepture relationships between the banks and the groups which owned them. It had been found that most of the funds deposited in mushroomed over the past two

the three banks were being years by the simple expedient used to finance their owners of offering high interest rates undertakings, in contravention on short term deposits, of Argentine banking laws.

In one month the Banco de In one month the Banco de

To fill, the gap left by these withdrawals Argentina's Central Bank attranged temporary advances, but by last week these advances, had reached \$1,000m and were causing serious economic disturbances. Where the withdrawals were

converted into hard currency the Central Bank was compelled to use more than £132m of its reserves to support the ex-

change programme which is the

tornerstone of Argentina's actiinflation policy.

Moreover, the Central Bank
had put an interest rate of 1;
per cent a month over the
interbank of there depress in takers of these advances, so in the phrase of one banker these were "a lifebolt made of lead and merely ensured the demise of banks desperate enough to need them.

The ministry's statement said

that the Greco group would continue to operate under it government trustee, while the other two would have their assets sold off in an orderly way until the debits of each group were met

US investment expert confident share prices will double this decade

Making money with the contrary opinion law

At a time when everything in America seems expensive and everyone grapples with an 18 per cent inflation rate, the low price of securities is painfully visible to

price of securities is painfully visible in every investor.

Last Thursday night Mr James Fraser, an investment expert from Vermont, told a group at the offices here of Dean Witter Reynolds, the large brokerage house, that in my 25 years in this business I cannot remember a time when people were as nervous about the market as they are After the aborted United States military

mission to Iran in the early hours of Friday, surely no one on Wall Street would disagree with him. disagree with him.

But even the nervous must sometimes take decisions and the big question, of course, is which way will they jump—in or out of equities?

Mr Joseph McAlinden of the Argus Research Company is convinced that "we are dealing with a classical bear market" that began sometime in February, when it was clear the recession was starting and that will last well into the third quarter

of this year.

The rally in share prices last week, due entirely to the sharp declines in short-term interest rates, is dismissed by this expert, as just a temporary phenomena on the way to still lower share price Mr McAlinden says he is a fundamenta-list and usually the stock market leads the economy down by six or seven months.

This time will prove to be no exception.

prices continues to about half way through the recession. In this case the half way point will be the middle of the third point will be the miodie of the third calendar quarter of this year, he says.

Many people on Wall Street take an equally gloomy view, citing tradicional trends and the logic of a situation where companies face a profits squeeze.

But Mr Fraser scorns those who follow the pack, who in his opinion become

the pack, who in his opinion become blinded by historical trends and the weight of the current conventional wisdom.

Mr Fraser has been making money in
the markets, at least an annual compound rate of 13 to 15 per cent over many years, by holding contrary opinions.

He fears that too many people may follow his example and that too many people will pay attention to his views. people win pay attention to his views. In such a case, he says, his opinions will become the conventional wisdom, and those making money will be those who do the very opposite of what he and the great majority of investors do.

"When your picture is on the cover of

finished, just as when Time magazine says wonderful things about a company you know that is the moment to sell the company's shares," he says. Mr Fraser does not believe there are any mechanical rules to be observed in following the contrary opinion course. He does not believe that it is a good idea

Institutional Investor magazine you are

He expects the recession might last four right now to buy Chrysler shares because full quarters and he says that in the past the stock market goes down as the economy contracts and the decline in share pany like Sears has been bettered too much and become unrealistically unpopu-lar and, now that its share price has fallen from \$62 to \$16, it is the time to

buy.

Mr Fraser believes it is good strategy to study companies that are largely being ignored and to buy when trading volume in the shores of such companies is low.

Ha is also quite willing to apply his rule to the markets as a whole. He points that the great majority of people out that the great majority of people believed a decade ago that shares, were the best hedge against inflation and, as usual, the great majority proved uparly

wrong.

Now be notes that shares are unpopular, while people overwhelmingly believe that real estate is the best inflation hedge.

I think share prices will at least double

this decade," he predicts.

With so many people so nerrous anddespondent, Mr Fraser's optimism is weleome and refreshing. "Usually you have to
be different to the rest to make money!
in the stock market.", he declares. If you are a fundamentalist like Mr McAlinden in this period of intense nervousness, then you ought to be most pessimistic about the market. Coming months will show if Mr Fraser's contrary

opinion laws truly work.

Frank Vogl in Washington

ASSOCIATION OF LONDON LIMITED Salient points from the accounts and the statement by the Chairman. Mr. R. J. W. GRABBE, F.J. A-on the Group results for 1973. The recommended final dividend of 5.5p per Ordinary share makes, together with the interim of 4.6p already paid a total of 10.2p per share, an increase of 11.8 per cent in the case of

cent after allowing for the one for ten capitalisation issue of 29th December 1978, CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

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By John Huxley - Five employers' associations from different sectors of the representations from another

several hundred companies em-ploying about 150,000 people.

It has been formed by the British Apparel Manufacturers Association, the Clothing Manu-facturers' Federation, the Cor-

Federation:
At the same time they are to establish a joint committee for the 1980 wage negotiations with the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers. In the past, each body has drawn up

concern to streamline an industrial structure which has been

cover the industrial relations work handled by the bodies individually and by their domestic policy making body, the industry joint council.

Mr Norman Sussman, chairman of the joint council, said at

It is estimated that the cloth-ing industry has shed some 10.000 workers in the past six

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Watchdog at the consumers' feet

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Dane Schoenfeld of the J. C. Penney department story whom a consumer advocate with the matter. "Levalty to the com-pety, commitment to the con-sumer."

"Every tirm in America has a consumer adviser of some son; ". Mr. Adamon some sort". Mr. Adamson cars, branging from a mere public relations man to full-fledged consumer advocates with access to top management and real influence on company

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Mr Adamson also produces a stall newsletter to keep the company's 3,300 employed the formed about the consumer allairs department's activities.

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Robin Young Pensions: moving without losing

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prenensive set of notes and **Companies** guidelines relating to details of the cause of computer disasters that put the levels of consequential ines, the screening of personnel to be employed in computer computers rooms and the forms of protection that should be comsidered.

at risk A common mistake, according to Hogg Robinson, is for com-16 Tony Harred, director for outer owners to store tapes in industrial risk management at the same area as the comthe insurance brokers Hogg puter, so that any physical damage can destroy months of Robinson, is concerned that too work as well as the bardware. many British companies are "The hardware might be the treating their computers as if least of the problems in the event of a disaster". Mr. Hairod said. An idea that is they were merely a more expensive piece of office machinery. "We have got to

gaining ground in the Carred States is for a number of comrecognize the harm that can be done to so many area, of a puter owners to group together business in the event of a com-puter disaster", he said. and agree to standardize on compatible equipment so that. In a number of recent cases, say. Eve companies can insig where clients have asked for insurance cover for their comthe cost of setting up a sixth "failur" computer installation that is then ready at short notice to take on the work of puter installations, flogg Robinon has called on the ervices of IMACS (Security), a consulentroi the group that might experience a disaster of some tancy specializing in finding the risks to computers,

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Mr Palmer said: "In a crisis,

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even when a defendant is not a foreigner the courts may crunt an injunction a

trant an injunction a "Marcya" injunction; restrain-ing him from removing his

assets from the court's jurisdic-

Reeves v Transport and General

Workers' Union: Where, by arrangement with the TGWU.

an employer deducts all union

contributions from the pay of

members at source, the union

may receive the contributions even of a member who is ex-empted from paying the political levy provided that the levy is refunded to the member in

in advance, or as soon as possible after the union's contributions are due. Skyrail Oceanic Ltd v Coleman:

the court found that a women

hooking clerk in a travel agency was not discriminated against on the grounds of her sex when she was dismissed

because her husband worked in

higher namages.

CHECKLIST

Mr. Jan. Palmer, managing director of IMACS, has not been reassured by his findings, "Most compenies". Mr Polmer said, "are highly pro-tected against tire, but a sur-Rurely is a company covered of compute: disasters ductee by the Stanford Research Institute in 1973 showed that of 353 United States cases, only 4 per cent cent were caused by fire On the other hand, over 50 per to even half the consequential loss that would ensue from a disaster and very few are aware of what the real right, are", he A common approach in a cant were the result of maircous damage." company is for the company recretary to ask the data pro-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Decisive action needed on fishin

\$11. At a time when all the media are concentrating on the United Kingdom's EEC Budget contribution as the main stem for discussion at the Luxem-bourg summit, it is perhaps at cast one of the other issues into ed, the renegotiation of the European common fishery polity. also has at stake \$1,000m per annum—the annual value of the fish caught in the so called European Pone, of which something like Show per annum comes from United Kingdom waters, and of

The development of any succo stul economic, postneal and federation of nations must depend on the establishment of consistent and fair. Quite simply, the fish nego-bodic orinotoles which must re-flect and be edaptable to inter- necessary change and developnational, political and econo-mic conditions and enanges. The Community did establish its ground rule for the owner-based on bartering and inural resources by the Treaty of Rome in 1936, spelling out clearly that the natural assets of the member states would be retained and exploited by them and not become the property of

resources. Norway. Denmark alarming rate, at a time when deem Ltd. Community partners hastily either managed to hold their sys together a policy which own or indeed to expand. Each effectively changed the basic of our main fishing partners is

ground rule on the ownership getting substantial direct of natural resources by largely indirect subsidies and ear allowing the sharing out of blatantly cheating by ign fish resources among the catch restraint regulations member states. This was conservation rules (and against a background of the many cases admitting this), principle of free fishing access largely applying worldwide and the United Kingdom unwillingly accepted this policy after some safeguards were incorporated and on the clear understanding that it would require to be renegotiated

prior to 1982. . In the meantime international policy has changed and we are now living in a world of 200-mile national coastal zones. which the Community have so far been "generous" enough to offer us 1250m. Having completely failed the basic consistency test, the Community is now compound-ing this failure by refusing to adjust its policy to this major international change.

ment of the Community's poli- also for the credibility cies is to be dominated by sel- integrity of the "great Et fish, political opportunism pean ideal." So basic are based on bartering and in-principles involved in trigue, and such old fashioned issue, that our governments qualities as integrity, justice and logical consistency simply strong policy to its ultim cease to have any place in the end and this clearly requi ccase to have any place in the deliberations. The end result for the fish-

ing industry has been disaster Just prior to the anticipated entry of three potential members with substantial fish

The United Kingdom is facing the almost unbeliev trading position where partners are catching our ural resource in unrestra fishing in our waters and undermining pletely United Kingdom's produc market position by selling fish back to us at che. prices than those at which own fleet, fishing under restricted quota restraints observing the conservarules, can produce.

Time is now running fast, not just for the Un Kingdom fishing indu-where our typically Bri "bonesty and fair pla approach is now fast erod our negotiating position, must pursue their presi two or three months to bre the deadlock.

Yours sincerely, Scotland AB9 SAG.

Bigboys' who don't pay up Grave case

From Mr Thomas H. Flemming can only purchase the Sirs. You have in the past, and no doubt will in the future, ruleist letters from lords, bright, company charmen, changing, directors, etc. which criticise the workers on the company charmen and much money he has available.

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expand and modernize, but not By the same token, it is the at the expense of the small specialist firms: so, big boys, pay your bills when asked to, so we can keep our specialist teams together.

Our pay increase this year was 10 per cent, well below inflation or the going rate in wage settlements, because we know our employer cannot siford to borrow money at 20 per cent-just to subsidize our customers. So pay up you big companies-you 1125,000 to date. Yours faithfully. THOMAS H. FLEMMING, 72 Eskbank. Skelmersdale,

Sir. With regard to compan annual reports (April 23, pc) haps it is timely to print : hit of dozgareta which uses to circulate in the office, of the late S. H. Benson Ltd. a its day our most sales produc ing and perhaps most effective advertising agency. " If the client is " hard-to-

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Oswaid Green. Yours faithfully STEWART NICOLL, Steveley, Mendul

60 years later our original idea British Acrospace Billy assessed third reading to the Matter of Lands. time in the Hould of Lo Castanho v Brown and Root

We've come a long way since then but our original concept has stayed the same - to meet the specific needs of industrialists, local communities and work forces alike.

Our Chairman, Nigel Mobbs, reports: "I am glad to report another year's record results with pre-tax profits improving by 22% from £8.228,000 to £10,070,000... Net earnings increased by 33% to £7.712 millions reflecting a 23° tax charge. As a result of new lettings, reversions and rent reviews. UK rental income increased from £12.76 millions to £15.34 millions, whilst overseas rental income was up from £4.87 millions to £5.44 millions.

a final net dividend of 1.4p per share... an increase of

£142 millions which increased the current net asset value per Ordinary Share from 81p (79p diluted) as at 31st December 1978 to 184p (169p diluted) at the close of 1979.

main aining prodent development momentum....In 1980 business conditions will be particularly difficult, with high interest rates likely to persist ... Despite this adversity, Lexpect, subject to no unforeseen circumstances, to be reporting some increase in profits for 1980".

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Similar expenditure overseas, amounting to £1.115.000 (£1.182,000 in 1978)

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is still paying dividends. 60 years ago we bought a dump-The Mechanical Transport Repair Depot in Slough - and transformed it into the World's first modern Industrial Estate.

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36.4% which betters the forecast improvement of 30% made at the time of the issue of 8% convertible unsecured loan stock last May. Net Assets Per Share. The property revaluation at 30th September 1979 produced an overall surplus of

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be possible, for example, in transfer the first pension and to negotiate "added ; sars". A judgment then has to be made about how much the selary under the new employer is likely to increase by the time the new recruit reaches retire-

Another possibility is that the old employer will pay over a transfer value to the new emplayer and in return this employer will give a pension based on the full number of years worked with the first employer and the final eachings with the second employer. However, this is expensive and rarer outside

In either case it is important to check if there are significant transfered pension. The rate at which the pension is calculated for each year should be scruti-nized. Secondly, the exact de-finition of final pay for the pur-pose of calculating a pension needs to be checked.

While we are on the subject. possibly unwelcome retrement ought to know about the cur-tence of REACH—the Real of Executives Action Clearing House, It is for regired executives with time on their hands and the will to use it for the benefit of the com-

their services. Over the six months of its existence the organization has for instance, provided the Windsor branch of Guide Dogs for the Blind with a co-ordinator for their Golden Jubiles-a retired managing director: it has put a retired chartered accountant in touch with the YWCA Accommodation and

Advisory Service, which needed him: and provided the PDSA with a retired salesman from the motor trade to run one of their gift shops, REACH's address is. Victoria House, Southampton Row, Lon-don WC1B 4DH (01-404 0940). Patricia Tisdall

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which are of remendous importance to Shell itself, also serve as illustration; of the industrial growth areas into which the North-wests chemiindustry base can be co pected to go.

punies worth a total of \$8.5m. Dista Products, part of the United States based Eli Lilly

R. W. Shakespeare

all Industry in the regions Chemicals growth helps the North-west gainst a background of in- theless also pointed out that receing anyiety about the ero-

This sector may do little to fo elleviate the region's persistent - inemple ment problems, since are nature it is capital rather han labour intensive. Howmer, the level of investment ninived a having a sleable

E ffeet on the economy of the Condended and has generated h nany other benefits. s More than 1500m has been enjected in the region's chemivial industries over the pist chree years and exports of chemicals are at present worth Anyt 116m a year.

North west cannot repect to escape fully the naw dentifiable slowdown in the ini corment rate by the industry in general. The national trend as demonstrated in a recent part by the Chemical Indusries Association which never- products.

su and one course of comfort. In ca maning and, more recently, one source of engineering of here ha; been one area of susting manded growth—she the chemical sector is still the

region may well sidesten the full consequences of the investment slowdown and that its existing and expanding chemi-cals base could provide the springboard for further deve-

ton in Cheshire is building four substantial new facilities due for completion this year which represent a total invest-ment of \$64m. One of them, a new law-density polyethylene plant costing 123m is designed with a single

large-scale production line to

concentrate on what Shell describes as its bread and butter " polymer output. This will leave an existing low-density plant with four separate production lines open for the development of special

In readiness for the opening of the new plant later this year. Shell has been concentrating on a product develop ment programme to expand its share of the polymers market and to enable it to meet the

changing demands of some of the traditional users. Mr Gerry Dodd, Carrington's polyethylene marketing man ager, says that the results of this programme are already bearing truit in the ferm of new materials, some of which are capable of being blown Shell Chemicals at Carringto much thinner-gauge films without loss of strength.

> grade products to emerge from the programme in the area of heavy duty films was the result of technology evolved for the manufacture of meterials to sheathe underseas cables. Batches of this product are now undergoing customer trials in Ireland where there is strong demand for heavy duty films for begging fertilizer:

Another of the "trial

Lightweight films have been developed which combine the

material economic and a consequent price advantage These should find ready markets in mundane areas such as cornerbags and supermarket shrink wrapping. Developments of this kind,

The region's product as a leading European centre for phermoceuticals production has been strengthened by recent developments within two com-

group has begun to expand its antibiotics plant at Liverport, and the Wellcome Foundation. has already invested 56m at Crewe over the past five years, is earning out a expansion programme at pharmaceuticals complex

Markets in the middle

ing political tension following Presi-Carter's abostive action in Iran has i a new twist to the already confused re for international equity and bond

much of this week then financial marre likely to be as volatile as they were end of last week, responding more to s on the diplomatic stage than the lving fundamentals.

least the foreign exchange markets red to remain relatively calm with ollar managing to stand up reasonably to last Friday's events. Much though ids on the movement of Opec funds, ears of a substantial withdrawal from juromarkets has led as much as any-to the fall in Eurobonds and heavy

g of gold. hity markets, meanwhile, are showing eat enthusiasm about following bonds the fall in United States prime rates to er cent only helping Wall Street and ig little echo in other major markets. Juited States market's impressive 30.7 s jump last Tuesday soon ran into taking but investors now seem more ed that interest rates have at last. d and are looking through the next

opean markets, and the United Kingin particular where there still seems chance of a fall in interest rates until ion and pav awards abate, seem more cupied with the end of a four year mic expansion and mounting concern oil supplies. United Kingdom equities me to drift gently downwards as the ze on corporate profits gets tighter, est rates remain high and exporting ies all the more trying as sterling a on up. But while companies like in. Vickers and Delta go on maintaining dividends, the yield argument is strong.

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ssures in **High Street**

: are lean times for retailers. As anyaking a stroll through Oxford Street nd Street can see, the glitter has gone the hub of the retail trade. The dearth urism is one reason. But the awful s, last week, from Grattan Warehouses, atback in projected profits at MFI as as the recent disappointing figures such diverse groups as W. H. Smith, worth or CES, show that the problem

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infinished, reaches a lesson.

l, not when to buy. When speculative s collapse, they do so almost over-

sibly broker W. N. Middleton thought eaders of their latest analysis Onshore leum Exploration in the United Kingalready know this. All the same, ander that functocks are sometimes

hould be taken up on the claim: "The itial, for onshore oil and gas develop-

peak of. That is to say, it produces nd 10 barrels a day of oil. Yet the

take Clyde Perroleum. This group is . le in oil in Ecuador, where it will ably reinvest the bulk of earnings. But ement about United Kingdom onshore c has helped the shares to a £35m mar-capitalization. No drilling is planned

North Sea structures have probably identified and are already being loped while the cost of exploring for

Retailers have been squeezed between sharply rising costs and-depending on the sector—a static or falling volume of sales. Wages in this labour intensive business have more than kept up with inflation while the five points like in VAT added nothing to profits margins. Rents, rates and other charges have all kept pace with inflation.

This year there will be some relief on

costs but the squeeze is likely to be on the spending side. With this sort of background, analysis have been revising their projections downwards.

Retailing is so diversified that at any one time there are sectors and companies that buck the general trends. Thus last year the volume growth for durable consumer goods was up by 5.3 per cent and companies, especially those involved in credit sales benefited and many of them were able to compensate for lower margins. An indication of some trends is that sales at electricity showrooms were up by 22 per cent and radio and television hire went up

Companies such as Dixons ignored the VAT increase, did not pass them on to consumers, and went for all out volume growth thus absorbing lower margins.

At the other end of the scale where the · fashion groups and department storeswhich rely heavily on fashion sales. They fell victim to the VAT hike, designs that were shunned by the public and unseasonal weather. Hence the poor results from such companies as CES. Furniture and Doityourself companies were hit too by the deteriorating outlook and lower spending. An exception was MFI but its recent statement suggests that this year will be a great deal tougher.

Food retailers had to contend with static volume and runaway costs. To some extent high interest rates which enable some of the cash rich groups to earn large sums before they pay to their suppliers, stock relief and gain in market share will mitigate the worse impact for the more successful operators.

The outlook is not good. Results in the second-half of this year are likely to be better but only because last autumn and winter were extremely bad. Consumer spending is hardly likely to match last year's 3.5 per cent rise in real disposable

Eventually there will be a recovery and, many retailing companies have strong enough assets to withstand a prolonged recession. But any purchase of shares in this sector should be deferred until the perspectives become brighter, possibly at the end of the year or in 1981.

ration stock, Siebens Oil and Gas crashed from 930p to 404p before ring to the present 680p. Other lary oils shivered too. The episode,

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stocks would have been timely. ne would say that they also exaggerate. ill know that a salesman's lot, like a eman's is not a happy one, but Middle-

has been largely overlooked."
s it? Consider Candecca Resources. bes nothing but seek oil and gas on However, it has so far found nothing

cet capitalization is around £18m.

gain, the writers claim: "Most of the

dary oil stock supporters got a shock oil let alone developing fields, in deeper r this month when a little North Sea and more hostile waters is becoming increasingly expensive." The second part of this statement seems

sound, if unsurprising. But the first part bisode, is decidedly contentious.

Some would say that a huge acreage has ing to to be explored—and allocated. If, as seems when thickly oil gets dearer, it will pay to seek

oil in deeper waters. This analysis is obviously the work of enthusiasts and enthusiasm is a necessary,

if not a sufficient, condition for making money from onshore oil, as from anything else. However enthusiasm is all that is necessary for losing it. So the subsequent work of Middleton's authors will be scanned as eagerly as the present one.

They say: "We propose to follow the

exploration play closely as it develops over the next few years. In doing so we expect to provide a well scouting service, and of course, periodic investment reports on the companies engaged in onshore exploration in the United Kingdom."

It would therefore be untrue to say that Middleton are unaware of the speculative nature of onshore exploration.

Their solution is a portfolio of stocks. This is Attock Petroleum, Candecca Resources, Carless Capel & Leonard, Clyde Petroleum, Graig Shipping, and Premier Consolidated Oilfields.

This is undeniably a list of all the leading onshore operators, save Shell and BP, and the likelihood is that several will turn up. trumps. But the need for Middleton's clients to be given frequent follow up reports is equally clear, if only because so many stocks are quoted only on the unlisted market which can not take sudden, strong, bouts of selling.

Can the IMF step up its help to the needy?

Before last week's meeting of financing these deficits would the International Monetary Clearly be welcome.

But it should be remembered. even begun the main item on the agenda seemed to have buten the dust,

The substitution account— proposed by the fund as a means of getting rid of some of the world's unwanted dollars— was given the thumbs down by both the Americans and the Garmans and put into cold storage.

But the blow to the IMF's prestige had been softened by the time the meeting ended last Friday night. By then, recycling was the new catch word and most of the assembled bankers and finance ministers appeared to agree that the fund's part in the recycling of money from oil-rich to poor countries should be boosted.

The reason for agreement now is not hard to find. Monetary authorities are fairly confident that the private banking system can cope more or less on its own with the recycling of funds from surplus to deficit countries this year. But there are growing worries about its ability to do the whole job next year and thereafter.

The fund's new forecasts for the combined deficits of the world's neediest countries—developing countries without their own oil—gives an idea of the size of the problem, in contrast to the industrialized nations, these countries are expected to next year as their total deficit rises from nearly \$70,000m. in 1980 to almost \$80,000m in 1980 to almost \$80,000m in 1981. A helping band from the international institutions in

But it should be remembered that at this stage in the lastoil crisis there was also much talk of an increased role for the fund. In the end the special Witteveen facility, designed to help oil poor countries not entitled to large fund drawings, took years to set up and commercial banks did most of the recycling. The same could

recycling. The same could happen again to the latest proposals for an increased role of the fund.

There are two fundamental difficulties facing the IMF. The first is that of getting enough money to lend, and at the right price. Fund officials believe that: at least some of the countries in payments difficulties will need finance at below worker rates if they are below market rates if they are not merely to be dragged deeper and deeper into debt with large interest payments due on top of the original

Althoughthe fund has plenty of money in its coffers at present, it expects to need a further boost to its income in the pear future.

The second problem is to provide finance on attractive nough terms to encourage third world countries to borrow it. Herethe policy condi-tions attached to IMF money are almost certainly a more important factor inhibiting potential borrowers than is the

IMF can overcome these barriers to an expansion in its activity. In Hamburg a step

first. It was agreed that the managing director of the fund, M Jacques de Larosiere, should begin talks with potential lenders, in practice the surplus oil producers, on how fund's resources can

There are moves to boost the fund's role in recycling 'oil money' to the poorer countries

bossted.
One new method would be for the fund itself to borrow directly from the members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and men lend the maney to developing countries. Thus the IMF would be bearing the risk of the loan rather than the commercial banks or the oil exporters directly directly.

Unfortunately. Open countries are unwifting to be the only lenders involved in such a scheme. The best way about a likely to be through a network of loan agreements, with some of the necestralized countries

of the nderstraized countries putting up money, too.

Despite the general support for this plan at Hamburg, it remains to be seen whether countries will be willing to cooperate when the time comes. Much will depend on the terms on which the IMF offers to become the money. borrow the money.

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speroved some important changes in the fund's own paper memory—the special draw-ing right—which should make approved it more attractive to investors. There will now be only five currencies in the basket which makes up the SDR rather than the cumbersome 16 at present. The interest rate payable on SDRs will a lso be calculated as the average of the five and will be fixed at nearly the full

market rate, rather than at only 80 per cent as before.

These changes should encourage central banks' willingness to hold SDRs in their reserves. But they could make it harder for the IMF to lead

heaply.

there seems little chance of a resumption in IMF gold sales the proceeds of which have formerly been used to provide cheaperloa us to the poorest developing countries.

The fund's money should soon be boosted by the introduction of the seventh quota which provides for a large increase in its resources. This has been held up for many months by the American Congress, but last week there were signs that ratification was in sight.

Another way of increasing the IMF ability to lend would be to raise the amount of money which countries may horrow in proportion to their quota in the fund. This bas already been happening to some extent.

Less obvious progress has been made towards encouraging countries to draw on the fund. The overriding obstacle for many is the conditions strached to fund money. But it was clear last week that the industrialized countries are in no mood to meet developing country demands for an easing of this conditionality.

One of the big advantages of fund money, in the eyes of the developed world, is that it induces debtor countries to pursue certain policies which the IMF believes will improve their balance of payments.

But there is some evidence of a shift, in fund thinking on the nature of the policy conditions it lays down. More is said now of the need to improve the supply side of economics, particularly by raising investment and to keep growth going.

This is in contrast to the fund's usual concentration on the need to reduce demand and to cut public spending un debtor countries, thus improv-ing the balance of payments.

But there are few signes as yet of changes in the IM'sF policy cription The purpose of IMF loans has traditionally been to provide short-term finance to solve temporary payments problems. The imposition by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries of large and semi-per-manent payments deficits on the rest of the world as counter-parts to their surpluses, has inevitably changed the financ-ing needs of many debtor

Many people believe that the fund should now be willing to lend for longer periods. Although the IMF is understandably unwilling to get into the business of financing deficits almost indefinitely. It has lengthened the period over which its extended loan agreements are made from eight to 10 years.

Also, the World Bank, sister institution of the fund, bas now been given the go-ahead to make long-term loans for structural economic adjustment, as well as its usual finance for specific

Caroline Atkinson

Getting down to the detail of enterprise zones

The first of the restriction-free industrial development areas

announced by the Chancellor in his Budget speech will be

Sheffield City Council, with a tradition of Labour control' stretching back for more than scretching back for more than
50 years, apart from a one-year
interval, has never rushed to,
appland the policies of Tory
Chancellors. On the other
hand, Sheffield people are
mainly practical folk and if anything is on offer from any government in the way of financial aid or cutting red tape, they take it up very quickly.

So, last Wednesday, the policy committee of the city council endorsed in principle the idea of Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor, for the estab-Hahment of enterprise zones. These are designed to en-courage the development of pri-

vate enterprise "by reducing the burden of government super-vision and fiscal demands". Attercliffe at the east end of Sheffield has been shortlisted for such a zone. At least 500 ocres there measure up to the government description of "ou area of physical and economic decay where conventional gov-

ernment - policies have not succeeded in regenerating self-sus-Almost every large industrial city has an Attercliffe of its own, an area where heavy industry once flourished and row upon row of soot-grimed houses enabled workers to live

on the doorstep of their fac-tory or stackworks or colliery. In the Sheffleld case it was always steel or heavy engineering. The prosperity of such works, issually built on the production of armaments in successive wars, has been in-decline since the mid-forces. The fortunes of the steel in-dustry have plunged and the pressing need for improved living standards and suvironmen-tal improvements have swept away factories and sub-stand-ard housing so that Attercliffe is once again ripe for davelop-

When enterprise zones are finally designated, it will be for an initial period of 10 years. The measures that have and do away with irritating delays in form filling and other administrative chores. There will, for instance, be

designated by the end of the year. Ronald Kershaw and Ronald Faux have been examining two of the shortlisted sites. exemption from development ment hovering round the 6 per land tax and 100 per cent capic cent mark in Sheffield and distal allowances for income and triet and the prospect of fur-corporation tax burboses on in ther job losses in the steel in-

corporation tax purposes on in-dustrial and commercial prop-erty. There will be exemption from general rates, simplifi-cation of planning procedures, exemption from requirements of industrial training boards and a reduction to a bare minimum of the Government's of redundancies in the pipeline requests for statistical information and we see on the other side tion and other benefits.

of the equation the job vacan-Sheffield City Council has

endorsed the pfinciple.

Mr. I. Podmore, the Sheffield Chief Executive, sees tions; establishing the boundaries of the enterprise zone; discussing proposals for the area; and making, administrative arrangements which will be necessary to ensure that developers will be able to move quickly. There are still many matters to be cleared up;

At Attercliffs more than 500 acres, have already been acres have salready been cleared or are in the process of being cleared, ready for-developers; but the area is still something of a patchwork. So, will the 500 acres suggested as: the size for an enterprise zone come within one regular boundary or will it be smade un of a piece here, and a piece

Which companies will arra-lify for aid? Mr Podmore admits: "On first thoughts it would seem to make sense to include as much of the mode veloped area as possible rather been outlined to benefit new which are already viable."

and existing companies are one ching is fairly certain, many and varied, but all are designed to help financially prise sone in the Sheffield prise and the prospects "it are additional amploythan putting into it enterpri which are already viable." offers for additional employment could not have come at a better time. With unemploy-

dustry as a result of employment cuts by the British Steal Corporation, any straw that

committee

may be grasped is more than welcome: Mr Podmore said: "Already we know of literally thousands cies figures declining sharply, which is a worrying trend. We now to get down to the practinow to get down to the practicalities. Council officials will are only just away from a real
be working closely with the problem with the steel inregional office of the Department of the Environment in we are in a fragile situation
putting flesh on the bones, with the problems in seel.

Certainly something like this,

an emerprise zone, will be Elsewhere in the United land's west coast, is another short-listed area. Within it is short-listed area. Clydebank, which has an unemployment rate nearing 11 per cent and claims a world record in the number of jobs the town has lost over the past 20 years. A further 3,000 jobs are about to go when the Singer works joins the ranks of industrial mausoles that were Good-year, Foster Wheeler, Turn-er's and Brockhouse. Together

they occupy more than 300 acres of empty industrial space. Singer will add another 100 acres, which the Scottish Deacres, which the Scottish Development Agency is in the final stages of acquiring making it therefore a suitable case

for enclosure as a self-contained

enterprise zone.

"Nobody knows quite what they are but everybody wants one", one ladustrial organizer in Clydebank said, reflecting the general feeling that almost any positive remedy is preferable to the implacable contraction of Clydeside industry. ction of Clydeside industry.
Mr William Johnston, Provost of Clydebank, says of the enterprise zone idea: "They will not solve the problems of Clydebank," but they could

help."
Clydebank was once famous for shipbuilding. At the John Brown yard on the upper Clyde a fleet of famous ward. ships and ocean liners slid down the slipway, culminating in the QE2. The west of Scotland was the workshop of the Empire and Clydebank the

In its, heyday the John Brown yard employed 14,000. Now the yard builds steel-ware for the oil industry and is In its, heyday the about to change hands again and pass from American to French control with a work-force probably fewer than 1,000.

After the First World War Singer had 23,000 workers and when the doors close in June fewer than 3,000 will be left. The 100-acre site is self-contained and is capable of being converted. There are large open spaces which once were yards where timber was stored Some believe that an enter- "Who wants to heat a piece prise zone could actually like that? Who can afford create -difficulties. possibly to?" he asks.

ones for which has survived and is managing to keep going in an extremely choppy economic

What happens, some people

ask, if a company moves into an enterprise zone and begins producing goods which a com-pany such as John Brown Enginesring is also producing? Inside the zone the products would be heavily subsidized, and would sell at a price that John Brown Engineering could

never hope to compete against. The Scottish TUC has attacked the proposals as being irrelevant to what is needed in Scotland and likely to damage the laws that protect industry

and employment. It seems clear that the Scot-tish Development Agency would press to have a zone based on the former Singer factory extended if only because of the anomalies that would be created and the 402 acres of further zoning which the Acr could allow. An official pointed out that the zon-ing was "not forever". It was a shot in a very dead-look-ing arm and the difficulties had to be risked. "Wherever they were set up there would

be the same difficulties", he

said.
"The case to make Glasgow itself a zone is fairly unans-werable. Look at the whole of west central Scotland and it is bleeding, but in Clydebank the haemorrhage has been severe."
Provost Johnston advocates
buildozing much of the old industrial property and starting afresh. Many of the old factories are quite unsuited for modern industry. There are huge boilermaking sheds that have been empty for 12 years.

Business Diary profile: What guides Egon Ronay

Ronay is just off on a potional tour of North rica on behalf of the British an unusual assignment ring standards at London scipal tourist attractions at standards at London's

busly "appalling" or indalous"; and who has recently warned Ameri-that if they wish to come by air they must be pre-id to be herded like cattle, uninformed during fre-delays and fed unspeak-

Ronay has always in-that his crusades as the ge of ppointed scourge nly standards in tring were undertaken in the interests of the tourist stry. He has maintained relations with the BTA. many years, publishing les to tourist attractions in leiation with them, and this enlisting them as overseas Guide. It is the good value fred by British pubs (for ms and food rather than just (a) that Roney will be (4*) that Roney will be basizing in his American

This typifies Ronny's stance vutspoken in denunciation, ecially where big companies if monopolies are to blame, ever appreciative of the all man's efforts and under-ading of his difficulties. tonay was born in Hungary, bedies of men and horses were both his father and still being cleared from the redfather had been successrestaurateurs. He came to gland first as a schoolboy to the language. Had were quietly at home when the intervened he would have a Russians moved in and the Russians moved in an arimalized without compensation. Through the good offices



"OK, wise guy, get a load of this": Egon Ronay in America. of a hard-drinking mayor, who had won the respect of the Soviet occupiers, Ronay obtained an exit permit. He has . Hungarian (non-combatant) mounted artillery.

At the war's end Ronay re-

not been back to Hungary since 1946.

At the war's and konay reopened his father's establishment (which was, he says, the
Café de la Paix of the Hungarian capital), while the
bedies of men and horses were
grill being cleared from the In London Ronay was soon managing a Hungarian restaurant, and then a society establishment in Piccadilly (dark ties only), before having a restaurant of his own, the Marquee, off Knightsbridge. streets of Pest. So pugnacious and eggressive a spirit was not going to stay quietly at home when the The restaurant was opened on a shoestring (the decor cost f25), but quickly won a good write-up in an early edition write up in an early

of Raymond Postgate's Good Food Guide. Ronay has called this " one of the great moments of my life "..." Daily Telegraph chose Ronay to appear in touring cookery brains trusts which the paper staged. When Fanny Craddock left that newspaper to join the Daily Mail it was

Ronay who succeeded her as dining our columnist. Six years later in 1957, Ronay was ready to publish his first guide. guide

He researched it, wrote it,
published it and sold it (at
three shillings a go) as himself and it sold 35,000 copies.
Financially it was possible
only because the Ford comname took several pages of pany took several pages of advertising Ronay has been in the business of selling guides, sponsorship and advertising

ever since.
The hotel and restaurant guide, now approaching its quarter century, is an estab-lished arbiter of culinary excellence and comfort, spon-sored by Lucas. The Egon-Ronay Organisation (with a staff of about 50 backed by state of about 50 backed by freelance writers and editors) elso produces Britain's best selling guide, Just a Bite, Ezon Ronay's Lucas Guide for Gournets on a Family Budget, In other years they have similarly produced guides on transport cases (the usually immaculately dapper Ronay donned an old anorak to carry out his own inspections), transist

out his own inspections), tourist attractions, ski resorts (Ronay has been a keen skier) and budget holidays in Europe.
Roosy worde every word of
the main guide himself until
it reached 1,000 entries. Even now that he has a full staff of inspectors and writers be does:

delegata responsibility easily.
One of his longest-serving colleagues, a fellow Hamparian

is designated inspector of inspectors to ensure the job is being done properly: Even then Ronsy aims to eat at least 200 places mentioned

He initiates the projects and he always involves himself in them (too much so, despairing subordinates are sometimes inclined to think). He is an inclined to think). He is an innate publicist It was be who interested Jack Jones in the transport cafes guide, who arranged to launch a Guide one year at Maxim's in Paris and who inniated the campaigns about hospital and motorway food and the reports on a my rations and transattic arrines.

arisance air imes.

In his youth Ronay boxed a little, played a sharp game of termis and wode the Magyar way, "by blood and sweat". He retains this aggressive and pugnacious streak and resents slights, real or imagined, greatly. He is terrible when roused—and once succeeded in wringing a serming a serming and a serming a ser wringing a promise from The Times that they would never send the present writer to any of his functions again.

But he is also magnanimous and charming in reconciliation. Would he rather be running a restaurant himself? "Of ning a restaurant is like show business. You cannot really give it up." He is, one reflects, as he picks fastidiously at the confit de ranard at L'Interbode de Tabaillau, probably the last man you would ask to share

Robin Young

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This statement provides the context within which discussions continue on appropriate board representation and details will be announced in due course.

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The company said a "Euro Int. Harvester pean "Federation" will begin operating on July 1, combining Arthur Young's European offi-ces with those of a group of European accounting, tax advisory and management consulting firms.
The federation will be called

AMSA Group, based in Amster-dam, and will be a member of Arthur Young international. All but a few of the firms in the AMSA group have been members of Arthur Young International, a spokesman said. Newcomers include Moret Lim-

perg and Moret Godde Brink-

man, the Netherlands, and

Schitag Schwabische Trenhand

AG, of West Germany.

AMSA group's combined annual revenue will exceed S. Kanaga, Arthur Young's chairman. Including AMSA group, Arthur Young's chairman. Including AMSA group, Arthur Young International's combined worldwide revenue will exceed \$650m he said. The group has \$3 offices in 15 nations. It will be governed by a management

Arthur Young said: "It is the intention" that in each rep-resented country the group will practice through a single

has agreed to purchase the head-lease of Kirkgate Way, a shopping precinct in Wakefield, from the

Tebbitt Group: Contracts have been exchanged for the acquisit-

group, and an investment freehold property in Queensque, London Consideration is \$500,000 for Signate and Sim for Queensgate

(3.5p). Group's balance sheet shows an improved picture based on a positive inflow of cash for £3.3m compared with an oxadio's of

natural gas exploration

International Harvester Cont

pany of Chicago says it and its International Harvester Credit

Corporation subsidiary arranged

an additional \$300m revolving

credit and \$120m of credit lines.

The company said the additions bring total confirmed credit facilities to 53.185n,

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BELGRAVE (ELACKSEATE) BELIGRAY (ELACKSEATE):
Turnover for year to Jamary 31,
13.8im (£3.85m). Presax profit
592,000 (loss £55,000). Dividend,
1.5p net (lp).
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reveals a pre-tax profit on CCAhasts of £12.85m (£15.86m). Hisnorical £21.78m (£21.58m). Peachey Property Corporation, for £1.35 million. This property, which is held on lease from the City of Wakefield, is subject in part to a compulsory purchase order.

for 1979 show CCA pretax prefix of 5374,000, compared with 5L.75m in 1978, against historical figures of 51.1m (52.4m iz 1973).

Wilmot Breaden (subsidiary of Rockwell International): Sales for nine storths to September 32. 178.32m (2100.22m for preceding 12 months). Pretax loss, £1,02m (profit, £4,22m).

MINET HOLDINGS: Corroca Black Corporation of New York had a stake on April 23 of 19,02m

Grampian Television: Dividend 2.28p (1.63p) for year to February 29. Turnover £4.45m (£4.43m). Pretax profit £302,000 (£406,000). Eps 3.5p (£7.8p). Liberty & Co: Sales for year to January 31, £22.65m (£23.11m). Pretax profit £497,000 (£1.96m). Eps 0.1p (17.06p). Dividend 3.4p (3.22p). WATMOUGHS (HOLDINGS) : Resaits of rights issue show acceptances received for 95.9 per cent of

R. H. Cole: Turnover for 1979 R. H. Cole: Juriover for 15/5

22.22m (£23.4m). Pretax profit

5631.000 (5567,000). Eps 9.9p
(15.9p). Dividend 4.65p (4.14p).

Hestair: Turnover for year Jan 31,
1980, 55.85m (£58.96m). Pretax
profit £493.000 (loss £341,000).

EPS 2.3p (loss 3.7p). Final 1p Walter Dunctn & Goodricke: Pre-tax profit for 1979 5:33,603 (5754,630). Diridend 12p (12p). ABERDEEN TBUST: Interia 2p (1.35p) Forecast final of not less than 3.3p, making total 5.3p net (4.45p).

Construction shares come under the spotlight

after a tough year in the engineering sector, while in foods BAT will be reporting the final phase of its 15-month figures resulting from the change in its financial year.

The retail sales figures for March are published today by the Department of Trade and are followed on Wednesday by the CEI's industrial trands survey for April

Thursday sees the start of a: new month and the issue of including \$2.13bn of cank credit lines, \$822m of revolving credit commitments, and \$255m of other short-term borrowing extending beyond fiscal 1980. the unemployment figures for March from the Department of Employment along with energy trends from the Departs ment of Energy and consumer expenditure for the first quar-The American group says that earnings from oil and ter from the CSO. Finally on Friday the Bank of England and the Treasury publish the production activities during the first quarter totalled S99m compared with S55m last year. The company said that this year's total included a noncapital issues for April and the United Kingdom official re-

The deterioration in relations recurring gain of \$18.2m from the sale of its 161 per cent interest in the Rugh Gas Field between Britain and Saudi Arabia sent a shiver running through the shares of Tarmec last week. But the market will probably be reassured by the group's figures, due tomorrow, when taken against the depres-sing conditions inside the construction industry.

Pretax profits for the year to December 31 should show an increase of 57m on last year's figure of 525.6m, helped mainly by a further strong contribution from its quarrying interests.

These are in fact the group's main source of profits contribut-ing during 1979 518m. Observers suggest the continued strength of the quarry division lies in the ever rising transport costs. which have led to small monopolies in local areas. This has resulted in another significant improvement in margins, However, the building products and construction sides

may have experienced a further downturn set alongside the tough time being experienced in the building industry as a result of the cuts in public spending and higher interest rates. At the same time, the group's international activities will have come in for a lean time but will have been partially offset by an improvement in housing and property.

pared with 15.89 last year. Finally come figures from SATURDAY: Finals

The final three months of Leird Group, which are
figures from BAT Industries on thought to have made little
Wednesday are expected to headway on the back of a

Construction shares come show a figure of 5500m for the fecent factory closus under the spotlight this week 15 month period. This combeen included in under the spotlight this week 15 month period. task combeen included in with full-year figures from pares with 12 month period. Task from pares of \$428m against \$435m. The closure of 1978 and is much in line. Parest Shafting stee be revealing full-year figures. The figures should show that market has had to

the group is still suffering the earlier forecasts. Most to the group is still suffering the earlier forecasts. Most to the group is the still account for all the new going for about 59 pet cert, of grein west's 111m. The turnover despite faither strike last year will

attempts at diversification.

More setback are also likely on the consumer side.

ally the grows hig earner, is also doing a from the ship repair also have been

RODAY : Interiors

On a brighter note analysis up to 42 per cent on the betail interests with perhaps a 33 per cent expansion in and packaging side. The announcement of the potential expected fr

figures might also give some indication of how well the group's recent acquisition. Mardon Packaging international is doing although no real contribution is thought Looking forward to the 301 General Losero Minsep.

Looking forward to the soil General Inv
current year, profits are again, Roseco Minssey, Nathar
likely to be fairly static, owing to the continued recession in
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In 1978 the group carnered over 6 per cent of the market in private housing, accouning for about 11,000 houses while local—authority building accounted for about 6,500 houses. THURSDAY: Interims but further reduction is public. Wire Group and Wemperson and higher morning westment. Co. Finals interest rates have meant a (Henry) and Sons, Davidificult time for most builders. Newman. George. With the position is expected to Gontrian Investment deteriorate still further time for most builders. Martin Black, Mowley (Partin Black, Mowley)

continued compenium, partico. Trust. Shiloh Spinners, larly in the Middle East, from Walker (LC).

South Kores and India resold PRIMAY. Interime. In addition, the group's over-

A gross dividend of about A gross dividend of about 3.93p gross is hoped for against Gamp (Holdings).

19.1p gross is expected com. 3.23p last time.

Pinally come figures from SATURDAY: Final

Growth prospects win plaudits for Hambro Life

Two stockbrokers have come In Liverpool, Rensburg & Scottish Agricultural Industries is strong though a strong pound ing at the reasons for the put firmly in favour of Hambro Co are taking an optimistic is "a very underrated com- could threaten that position beging the reasons for the position beging the reasons for the property of the reasons for the property in Cruickshank both

recommend the shares on the basis of high profits and dividend growth prospects.

R&P remark that Hambro's actuarial surplus and dividend

were both better than expected for 1979 and "the progress made by the company since its flotation in July, 1976, has been well maintained and the growth of new business in the early of new business in the early months of 1990 confirms the underlying strength".

Similarly L & C see dividend growth averaging 26 per cent

a year over the next three years and comment: "We continue to recommend purchase of the shares as the outstanding longterm value in the life assurance sector."

the prospects for J. Bibby, Rensburg expect profits of \$11.7m this year against 19.7m last time on turnoter up from £188.1m to £239m.

The brokers comment that the company has "progressed profitability in the early seven-ties and point out that the record results last rear were achieved in spite of the transport and engineering disputes.

In 1980 they expect an improvement on the industrial side with Sterilin turning in a conditions elsewhere. In the longer term empension via acquisition and organic growth is expected. expected. une believe the medium-term Heseltine, Moss & Co believe view is good. The balance sheet

Brokers' views

that SAI should be seen as a However, profits in the cur ent year are expected to be static or deciming slightly from last year's £5.7m, which was in the year before. Squeezed mar-gins from rising cost pressures will be the culprit, but Hesel-

pany". ICI controls 62.4 per cause of intreased import pent

from Grenfell and Colegrave, who expect profits for the gess to March 31 to come to 24m against \$2.9m last time and \$2.1m the year before.

They point out that here cost profits have increase in annual compound an

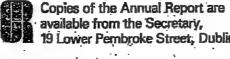




been outstandingly successful." Since CRH was founded in 1970: Sales up from IR£21,500,000 to IR£258,300,000

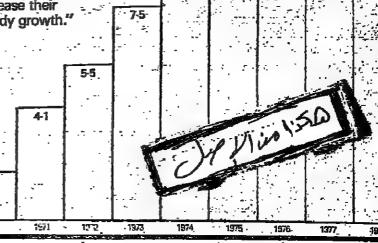
Pre-tax profit from IR£1,800,000 to IR£24,100,000 Earnings per share from 0.73p to 13.74p Dividends per share from 0.75p to 4.62p

"The growing balance which we are attaining in our Group's products and markets gives us prospects of coming securely through the year. In Ireland it started soundly for us. However, the Budget restrictions will affect us later. Progress should be recorded in the U.K. and Holland. Our growing U.S. interests based in the energyrich Mountain States are expected to increase their contribution. We aim to continue our steady growth. ... Michael J. Dargan, Chairman.



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Pre-tax profit

Aystery ends over General Mining

mystery haver of Consoli-4 Gold Fields shares, a non refrain was the ry between English and caner business in South ta, despite official als—or possibly because of among others was in-d to believe that General ag, impelled by this percompetition, was stalk.

only were we wrong in specific instance, but specific instance, but broadly, the interpren of the present balance irces within South African ng was misunderstood, ral Mining may have oried with close connections ig the Afrikaner financial dishment, notably nutably rale Mynbou.

ose links remain streng, though the amalgamation Union Corporation has simplified the diare rship structure, one of main points of the excer-

recent years, however, ance big business, at least Johannesburg, has come a more to resemble enterof English-speaking ori-Thus General Mining, h combined with Unicorp has a capital base of 10m and is certainly big, ders itself to be on the al wing of the Chamber of

Anglo American few mining the fuss about its bady awry.

The difference is subtle course on one interpretation because on one interpretation it illustrates the companies' different beginnings and image within the republic. Anglo, more of a family concern, has been something of a vehicle for Mr Harry Oppenheimer's political views.

The company must therefore be seen to be putting its money where its chairman's money is. Genmin is not so identified in keeping South

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Africa safe for a particular brand of capitalism, and sensitive to the instincts of its founders and some of the prejudices of its shareholders, does not want to be regarded at pushing change in the as pushing change in the country too fast.

A further contrast is also important. Anglo, by definition, is more international in outlook. Even if the practice has some-what lagged behind. Mention in main street of Charter Consolidated provokes a sad shaking of the head, while Minorco induces a sly grin. Genmin has never shown

great interest in ventures out-side South Africa where, as the company reasonably points out, their expertize lies and few mining projects have gone

within the republic. Where gold mines are concerned the policy is to expand existing ones as far as possible rather than develop new ones.

Improving present properties gives a higher marginal rate of return—even though the company would look as a rule of thumb to a DCF of 25 per cent on new projects—and eases an increasingly telling restraint, the shortage of experienced planning staff.

In common with other min-ing houses Coumin has clab-orate internal training pro-grammes for all levels of employee designed partly to offser the labour shortage. But unlike some competitors, the company may be more aware of its own limitations. Well-placed mining sources in Johannes-burg say, for example, that Anglo's shortage of planning staff has forced it to postpone a new development.

considered more a long-term proposition. Genmin currently If extra gold production is largely to be found from existing mines, coal is a different story. Genmin at the moment produces about 30 million tons of coal a year, of which only a million is exported. Now that its export quote has been raised to six million tons a sively as a by-product from the gold mines. But the group's nium mine begins operations. year, significant extra capacity must be developed.

Genmin's strong finances and management mean that the rivalry with Anglo is com-mercial rather than political, if so crude a distriction is per-Genmin shares the view that steaming coal will be in short supply by the end of the decade and that prices are missible, as senior executives wryly point out. They think Unicorp is a better investment therefore likely to-rise stead-

Dr Wine de Villiers, chairman

ger part, though because the

price is thought unlikely to

rise as fast as that of coal over the next five years or so it is

produces about 30 per cent of

South Africa's pranium, exclu-

contribution should increase

markedly when Unicorp's ura-

Uranium will also play a big-

General Mining.

than Cons Gold. Certainly, no one can entertain any doubts about the relationship between Genmin and Unicorp.

With Anglo and Cops Gold, however, the matter is less clear. The crucial company in South Africa, of course, is Gold Fields of South Africa. in which Cons Gold has a 46 per cent stake, From this direction, therefore, Anglo has an 11.5 per cent holding in GFSA.

But Anglo American Gold Investment Company, which is 47.3 per cent controlled by Anglo, holds 10.9 per cent of GFSA. Indirectly this is another 5.2 per cent of GFSA, bringing Anglo's stake through these companies in the other main competitor to about 16

Genmin is therefore Anglo's chief rival for dominance of South Africa's most important industry. Both companies carry grave responsibilities. In their different ways they understand that success in creating econo-mic growth and liberalizing employment practices and im-proving black wages are more mportant than communal ori-

such vital fields their business rivalry is contained by the Chamber of Mines. These are the factors which will shape South Africa and the industry, not a lingering desire to resuscitate the Boer

Michael Prest

Higher sugar prices are likely

y a special correspondent World sugar prices appear poised for a year of increasingly higher levels as the catalogue of nations with serious production problems grows longer almost by the week. Respected West German sugar statistician Herr F. O. Licht, whose latest world supply assessment was released last week, sees markedly increased prices from new into 1981 in response to constant deterior-

response to constant determination in prospects, while some market pundits go further and see the potential for dramatic increases perhaps even rivaling the price explosion of 1974. Proponents of the boom possibilities can point to a series of damage reports from a high proportion of the world's leading exporters in-cluding notably Cuba which in February announced a current season shortfall of, a million

season shortfall of a milion rounes, and a drop in planned shipments to her major customer, the Soviet Union, for the pext five years.

Sugar rust disease is an important factor in the Cubaa losses and this week the Dominican Republic declared major production succession. production cuts on account of rust, and hurricane damage. But a more widespread danger globally is the incidence of drought, now affecting producers as far apart as South America South Africa, Australia, India and China to varying

India for some years an important exporter, and now fac-ing a 15 per cent shortfall may need to buy as much as half a million comes this year to satisfy growing domestic con-sumption while the Soviet

Union is almost certainly taking large tonnages now as part of total free market imports many times greater than normal. In March, the International Sugar organization (ISO) esti-

Commodities

maied Soviet free market imports at 1.5 million tonnes this year compared with only 118,000 last year, and some analysts believe the true figure could eventually exceed two million tonnes. In addition, with her traditional supplier Cuba facing major problems, some observers believe the Russians may already be negotiating for observers believe me Russians may already be negotiaring for supplies as far ahead as 1981.

Other traditional exporters such as Mexico and Trinidad are also in trouble and seeking to have a provide supplies while

to buy outside supplies, while Brazil with a heavy commitment to the conversion of its motor industry to alcohol powered vehicles may have diverted too much sugar to its fuel programme and could be seriously over-sold on the free

Set against the "problems plaguing mainly Third World producers is the likelihood of yet another good crop in the EEC, the world's largest ex-porter of refined sugar. But after three consecutive years of record production, the odds for cyclical change of luck look

Given only average weather conditions over the next few months, the EEC's sugar yield could be 2 million tonnes down. Sugar is one of the world's major raw materials covered by

an international agreement, the ISA between producers and consumers and like many such consumers and like many such accords contains devices for price stabilization. But this spring's market rise to the highest levels for five years triggered off the ISA's final shot in defence of predetermined optimum prices.

The authorization to release special stocks has left the ISO with no further powers to interwith no further powers to intervene should producer problems over the next few months attract the sort of investment buying in futures which sent prices rocketing in 1974.

Incidentally, the United States has finally ratified the ISA after delaying the stock financing measures contained in the instruments for some two years, and it would be ironic if at this stage, the world market were to take off and leave the pack impotently standing on the sidelines for at least another

After the recent demise of the International Cocoa Agree-ment, there must be at least a little concern for the future of

Some of those who presage a year of escalating prices on the basis of production problems envisage current levels of £250 per tonne rising to match 1974 peaks in excess of £600 per tonne. But more conserva-tive observers, while accepting the well-known reduction in this year's supply, argue that sugar is a remarkable flexible crop and swift recovery cannot be ruled out in many troubled

Comparisons with 1974 they say look risky, even if the most pessimistic supply prognoses are close to the eventual truth.

ew chairman named for 'all Paper manufacturers

G. S. G. Witherington has an chairman and Mr M. Glenn ging director of the Wall
Manufacturers. Mr S. H.
on, deputy chairman is due
dre from the board on April
Mr M. C. Thomas, Mr S. M.
on and Mr L. G. Young have
ted from the board.

Clive May has gone to the rate finance department of n EMI in the newly created on of controller music, enter-ent and leisure. Mr May's will be complementary to of Mr David Purse, control-of the other Thorn EMI ting divisions, including the onics operations of EMI. Richard Savinson has become ary of the Electricity Coun-succession to the late Mr O. Murphy. Mr Savinson ormerly deputy secretary to

Robin Plumbridge is to join poard of Consolidated Gold s from May 1. Peter Mursell has been made nexecutive director of London Property Trust. Gordon Wolstenholme, for-director of the Clba Founds-

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tion, has become a director and chief scientific adviser of Informa-

chief scientific adviser of Information Retrieval.

Mr Geoffrey Eannister is now a director of Harris & Partners, consulting engineers.

Mr Percy Glazer will be chairman of Lewis & Peat (Rubber) and Strauss (Rubber) from May I.

Mr James Bancock has been appointed managing director of Thos. W. Ward (Railway Engineers). a wholly-owned member company of the Sheffield based Thos. W. Ward Group.

Mr Jack Cunningham has been Mr Jack Cunningham has been made vice-president, head of treasury operations and services, London branch, Bank of America NT 2.5

NT & SA.

Mr A. H. Doggart will be exec. Mr A. H. Doggart will be executive director of Save & Prosper Group from May 5, 1980. — hr K. B. Andrews and Mr D. McKechnie are now directors of Grattan Warchouses. Mr Andrews will be responsible for merchandise and Mr McKechnie for sales administration. Mr D. F. Cunningham becomes a non-executive director. Mr E. M. Watson, fluance director, has resigned. Mr E. M. Gray, company secretary and administration director, has resigned and Mr A. Malcolm will be company secretary.

Mr Stephen T. Boyes becomes director of sales development at London Tea & Produce Company.

Mr Ian McNaughton is to be director of Honeywell's Systems

director of Honeywell's Systems Centre, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. Mr A. G. Thomas, a director of Greenall Whitley & Company be-

Mr A. G. Thomas, a director of Greenall Whitley & Company becomes deputy chairman.

Mr M. J. Golerka has been made a director of Bolton Textile Mill Co.

Mr Marda D. Conway is to be be a director of Cooper Gay & Co.

Mr W. T. Junor, formerly sales director of Henry Balfour & Company, Fife, has been appointed vice-president—administration of the Plaudier Company, Rochester, New York. Both companies are part of the international Sybron Corporation.

Mr P. Jivrajani is joint managing director of CMG (Computer Services for Banks).

Mr Peter R. Tigg, former managing director of BP Aquaseal, has joined Merton Associates (Consultants) as a main board director and senior consultants.

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SUN ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP

Highlights from the Statement by the Chairman — Lord Aldington

General insurance in 1979 produced mussive underwriting losses for major British Offices. Because of the nature of our business, we, with an underwriting loss of £26.4m, have fared worse than many of our competitors.

Three major causes combined to produce heavy losses and two of these hit us, as the largest insurer of private houses in the United Kingdom, with especial severity.

First, there was the sudden and alarming resurrence in rates of inflation. Such sudden rises are costly and dangerous to insurance companies.

Secondly, cold weather during the winter of early 1979 in the United Kingdom and serious floods in December caused heavy losses. We estimate that exceptional weather claims on our Home business amounted to £12m. Extreme weather losses suffered overtees are estimated to have

Thirdly, the intensely competitive state of insurance markets throughout the world has seriously squeezed margins. This has happened quite often in the past but the dangers inherent in the process during a period of campant inflation are self-evident and alarming.

Marine and Aviation results for the 1977 underwriting year produced an acceptable profit. The useful increase in life profits and rising rents and dividends together with higher interest rates helped to offset the underwriting losses. The Group's total profit before tax amounted to £49.2m compared with £59.5m in 1978.

1978

1979

Following the abolition of dividend limitation the Directors have resolved to declare a total dividend of 28p per share compared with a dividend of 22.505p for 1978 - an increase of 24.4%. We have retained in the business £17.2m out of the year's earnings, less than in 1978 and 1977, but our solvency margin remains strong at 72% of the premium income, which in sterling terms grew by 4.9% over 1978, or 9.2% after allowing for changes in the rates of exchange. Insurance should be healthly competitive but irrational competition caused by the surplus capacity round the world has troubled as seriously for a number of years now. Despite the repeated warnings of leaders in our business there are still too few signs of any general acceptance of the need to

charge premiums that are adequate for the risks accepted. It will not be easy to achieve a sound level of underwriting profit over the years whilst high inflation lasts. We shall continue to strive to reduce our costs by greater efficiency using the latest methods, It is not an easonable that our industry should ask the Government to give insurance companies an element of tax relief in inflationary times on some basis comparable with that of "stock relief"

available to industrial companies.

HOME.

Fire

We are still having to make considerable premium adjustments in our efforts to retain desirable business.

Reduced rating levels coupled with an exceptional number of large claims have inevitably affected the underwriting profit which is substantially below the 1978 result. The continuing large number of deliberately caused fires is a matter for serious concern.

Although very satisfactory results were achieved from some classes, the severe underwriting losses from liability business caused a marked deterioration in the account as a whole.

Professional Indemnity claims increased significantly both in number and cost and all liability insurances were adversely affected by the escalation in the damages awarded for personal injury.

Premium rates were increased during the year but the costs and frequency of claims accelerated even more rapidly. Apart from the effects of inflation, results were adversely affected by the sharp rise in the number of road accidents during the sowere winder weather in January and February and the imposition of the higher rate of V.A.T.

Personal

For the third time in four years extreme weather conditions have badly hit our results.

Premium rates for domestic building insurances have remained unchanged for over half a century despite the many important extensions in cover that have been given in recent years. Substantial losses have made an increase in the rates inevitable and this is now

Engineering . Our specialist engineering substitutry, the National Vulcan, has again earned a profit.

OVERSEAS

Europe Despite the determined measures to improve our results in Germany, the Securitas suffered a further significant, though reduced, underwriting loss. In Deamark our companies made progress towards correcting the earlier adverse mends. Poor Fire experience was largely responsible for the loss on our operations in Holland and we suffered a loss on our French account. Stringent remedial action in Belgium led to a much improved result and our branch in Italy maintained its profitable development.

United States underwriting appears to be moving once again into a downwards cycle, and there was a considerably reduced profit at the end of a difficult year. We are grateful to our Managers, Chubb & Son, for their efforts and during the year we took the opportunity of increasing our holding in the share capital of The Chubb Corporation to almost 10%.

Although in line with market experience it is disappointing that our Canadian operation produced a significant loss.

With no real improvement in the general market situation, my warning last year of a decline in the profitability of our important Austrahan business has been justified all too soon. There is an urgent need to return to acceptable standards of underwriting.

Summary of Results

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Premium Income		
General Business	546.1	530,7
Long-term Business	136.5	120.7
• •	682.6	641.4
Underwriting Result-		
General Business	(26.4)	(4.9)
Long-term Insurance Profits	4.9	4:0
Investment Income	70.3	. 59.8
Other Income	0.4 :	0.6
Profit before Taxation	49.2	59,5
Taxation	17.8	26.1
Profit after Texation	31.4	33,4
Minority Interests	0.4	0.3
Profit attributable to Sparaholders	31.0	33.1
Dividends	. 13.8	11.2
Profit Retained	17.2	21.9
Entaings per Share	62,9p	67.1p

The Annual General Meeting of Sun Alliance and London Insurance Limited will be held on 28th May 1980 at the Head Office, Bartholomew Lane, London EC2N 2AB.

Other Territories Our operations in New Zealand produced a substantial underwriting

In the Caribbean, hurricanes took a actious toll and in Africa our account suffered very heavily from the rioting in Liberia. Profitable expansion continued in the Middle East, and there was encouraging growth in South East Asia.

A satisfactory increase in premium income was achieved by Protes in South Africa and a modest underwriting profit was earned. The substantial Overseas account written in London produced satisfactory results.

REINSURANCE

There has been no easing of the difficulties of earning underwriting profits and there was a loss compared with the marginal profit last

MARINE & AVIATION
The 1977 account was closed at the end of 1979 and we have transferred £2.5m to the Profit and Loss Account. In 1979 Marine Insurance markets were confronted with the worst hull casualty situation ever recorded in peace time. During the year remedial action was taken to improve hull rates and the London Market must continue to give a lead if this section of the business is to be put on a sound basis.

LONG-TERM INSURANCE

Individual Pension Arrangement business was buoyant and there was a welcome improvement in the sale of ordinary life assurance policies; our new annual premium linked contract also had a good start. However, the amount of new mortgage-related business was disappointing. Sales of our Personal Pensions business received a modest setback too. Taken overall, the increase in the amount of the amount of the same approximate the satisfactors. new annual premiums was satisfactory.

An actuarial valuation of the main Life Fund enabled a distribution of £22.7m to be made, and bonuses were maintained at the increased rates declared at the end of 1978.

The total contribution to Profit and Loss Account amounted to £4.9m compared with £4m in 1978.

INVESTMENT

1979 was a poor year for the U.K. economy. The rate of inflation rose sharply and short term interest rates reached record levels by the year-end with M.L.R. standing at 17,

Throughout the year, rising oil prices gave sterling a considerable measure of strength, whilst the abolition of exchange controls resulted in the disappearance of the investment currency premium. Both factors reduced the sterling valuation of certain overseas

The overall surplus of market over book values in the General Funds was £183m. Investment income increased by 17.6% to £70.3m; excluding the effects of exchange movements, the underlying growth was 20.7%. The surplus over book values in the Long-term Funds

PROPERTY

The year was one of continued strength in U.K. property markets with substantial increases in rental and capital values. A number of major development projects were completed and let during the year and we currently have a development programme running to some £50m.

Conclusion

Although 1979 was one of the most difficult years in the history of the Group, we have significantly strengthened our reserves in the face of rising infinition and the rate increases being implemented wherever possible in unprofitable classes give us a first basis for recovery. We are very conscious of the continued pressures from some consumer interests alleging that the services provided by insurance companies are lacking. There is no true ground for these allegations. The evidence shows clearly that we have not been found wanting in meeting the reasonable expectations of our policyholders and in 1979 we hamiled record numbers of claims involving substantial payments. There is

always room for improvement in insurance, as in any other sphere, but this will be most effectively achieved by the individual companies competing to offer the highest standards of service and ensuring that premiums are fairly spread between policyholders. The disappointing outcome for the year masks the considerable efforts that have been made throughout the appoint tion and the successful achievements in many areas.

Our staff have continued to work hard, and I thank them all sincerely,

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The Over-the-Counter Market

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An air of uncertainty hangs or so. There was pressure in over the future of the tanker the market however to try and both the Caribbeau and Medimarket after the events in the restrict any improvement to terranean experienced a good Middle East last week. Fears over the prospect of a naval blockade led to an early rush by some charterers to clear rise in the short-term but as

their cargoes from the area and this in turn resulted in vice is anybody's guess. rates jumping by some six points.

atmosphere. After Japan and the EEC nations had announced their backing for President Carter's trade sanc-tions very little chartering activity was undertaken.

For Japan, support means that it faces a substantial shortfall in its oil supplies and many in the market had expected Japanese charterers to enter immediately to book cargoes. However they maintained a low profile and like others seem prepared to wait events before

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The problems of the Middle East appeared to have little influence upon dry cargo trading. It tended to be a mixed week in the market with voyage business and time-chartering sharing the leading positions on different days, although the latter was the stronger overall.

Grain fixing started the week firm and some further gains were recorded. From the US Gulf to Taiwan \$43 was secured for a 20,000 tonne yessel, repre-senting a rise of about 51 while from the West Coast, \$35.50 was paid on a 30,000 tonne shipment, To Japan between 527 and 532 was obtained for cargoes of 32,000 and 45,000

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Iran confrontation

The Eurobond market reacted badly to news that US military torces had failed in an attempt to rescue the American Embassy hostages in Tehran, writes AP-Dow Jones.

The disclosure came at a time when Eurobond salesmen were still working on placing much of the \$1.2bn of fixedrate international dollar bonds and notes that had been scheduled for offering in the past two weeks.

The news led to widespread dumping of unplaced issues. As a result, many of the recent offerings fell by between four and six points from the issue price in aftermarket trading causing some severe losses among the underwriting firms. Moreover, bond specialists conceded that several current

offerings, which have been

underwritten on fixed terms ahead of the selling period, no longer provide a marketrelated return. Consequently, these sources say, it will be very difficult to place the current offerings

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New York, April 27

Just four weeks ago American share prices were down to a worsening of the United can share prices were down States conflict with Iran was too ! within a whisker of their fiveyear low when Wall Street's Dow Jones index on March 27 dropped below 730. But so fast has sentiment changed that last week the New York Stock Exchange had the largest rise in

one week in its history. The Dow Jones Industrial Index, the blue chip barometer soared 40.18 points to break through the 800 mark once

In 1974 and again earlier this again and settle at 803.58. year, world bond markets coliapsed mainly as a consequence of the inflationary effects of ·· Most of the gain occurred on Tuesday. It was the second best greatly increased energy costs: day ever according to the com-Pankers said that the threat posite share index which by Iran's foreign minister, Mr charts the movement of all degh Ghotbzadeh, to stop off share prices. Even on the Dow shipments from passing from it was the fifth best rise on the Gulf to Western ports cannot be dismissed out of hand. record, and the best since One bond trader also con-tended that heightened tensions in the Gulf will bring about in-November 1, 1978, when the Federal Reserve Board announced one of its first plans to creased United States military raise interest rates and shore up the dollar.

spending. This could add to United States inflation and increase federal debt demands Even the military adventures in Iran could only briefly dampen the enthusiasm. Prices fell 6 points when the exchange opened on Friday but recovered quickly thereafter and actually advanced 7 points by the end of the day.

The upswing which comes after two months of falling prices and a 14 point drop in the Dow is a result of falling short-term interest rates. Manyof the banks cut prime lending rates—the charge to their best inc. trial borrowers. A further helt p = 1. 19 per cent last week, yields on Treasury bills and notes have numbred dramatically and it is widely believed that medium and long-term rates will soon follow the shorts

was whether the rise could continue. Some analysts said it shows what could happen if the institutions really believe the market has turned. At the beginning of last yeek most were under-invested in equities and they could panic again if they saw the market running away from them.

Others less builish said that the market had begun to see beyond high interest rates and rampant inflation, and that

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there were no longer a major depressant on share prices. But it had still to come to grips. with the threstened recession, and the depressing effect R will have on corporate earnings.

Opinion is divided on how deep and long lasting the down turn will be, so there will be a continuing two-way pull on the market.

Some analysts expect the long term advance.

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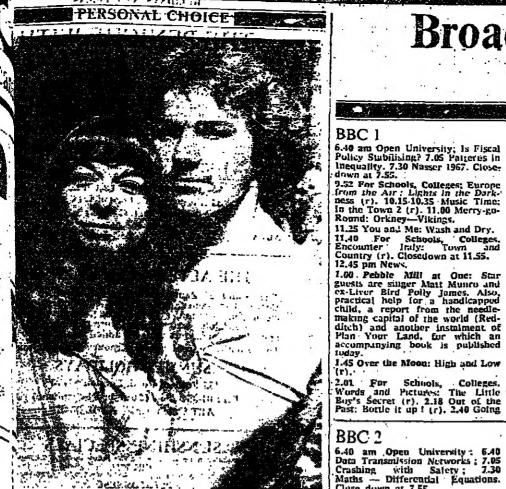
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Isley (Helen Worth) puts pressure on husband Brian opher Quinten') to move away from Mum in Coronarect (ITV, 7.30)

may not have felt like buying a used car from him, but be admitted that President Richard Nixon chalked up hable successes in American foreign policy, going right 1959 when he became the first Vice-President to visit the Imon. Panorama (BBC 1, 8.10) had the bright/idea of two how he would have dealt with the international merica now faces, and the interview has been thrown into focus by the abortive operation to rescue the US hostages *************** Nixon takes part in a programme entitled On the Brink, oks at where the American glan went wrong and reports ion from Iran itself, from Moscow and from Luxembourg. te EEC beads of government are meeting in an atmosphere is been compared to that in Europe in 1914.

0-minute play on BBC 2 this evening is called Feelifax id is on a theme of what one might call micro-chins with ng. The scene is a house of the near future, where life illed by electronic gadgets which not only carry out their it also provide inspiring conversation. Difficulties arise, , when the machines go in for a little marriage guidance ing on the side. Kenneth Haigh and Rosemary Martin married couple with problems, while Clive Harrison is er and Madeline Smith the fridge (and that adds a whole ension to Method acting).

londay Play (Radio 4, 7.45) is A Very Nuclear Family, index risk (Namo 4, 7.43) is a very futcher, ramily, ler/Phillips. It deals with the old problem of the ds living in the same house as the parents of one of t in this case the family turns out to be a very strange a start there is this obsession with wedding presents, blushing bride threatens suicide while her mother pays susband the kind-of attention which is not exactly normal, rusband himself goes in for rabbit-poisoning. Happy indeed

The 27-Year (tch (Radio 4, 6.30); Hugh Paddick and raden make a splendid comedy team (have done for dear) and Barry Pilton's scripts are sharp and witty. er a little gem of a programme.

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POC 1
6.40 am Open University; Is Fiscal Policy Stabilising? 7.05 Patteres in Inequality. 7.30 Nasser 1967. Closedown at 7.55.
9.52 For Schools, Colleges; Europe from the Air: Lights in the Darkiness (r). 10.15-10.35 Music Time: In the Town 2 (r). 11.00 Merry-go-Round: Orkney—Vikings.

11.25 You and Me: Wash and Dry. 11.40 For Schools, Colleges, Encounter Iraly: Town and Country (r). Closedown at 11.55. 12.45 pm News.

1.00 . Pebble Mill at Oue: Star guests are singer Matt Munro and ex-Liver Bird Polly Jomes. Also, practical help for a handleapped child, a report from the needlemaking capital of the world (Redditch) and another instillment of Plan Your Land, for which an accompanying book is published today.

1.45 Over the Moon: High and Low (r). 2.01 For Schools, Colleges.
Words and Pictures: The Little
Boy's Secret (r). 2.18 Out of the
Past: Bottle (t up ! (r). 2.40 Going

11.00 Play School : Same as BBC 1

11.00 Play School: Same as BBC 1 at 3.555. Close down at 11.25. 3.10 pm Snooker: David Vine brings us up to date on the Embassy World Professional Championships at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.
4.50 Open University: The Structured Interview; 5.15 Glibbon and the Ruins of Rome; 5.40 Language Development; 6.05 Mi01, 31 Math-

9.30 am For Schools: 9.30 My World: Shapes and Faces, 9.47 Finding Out: Black Harvest, 10.05 History Around You: A Village.

10.20 Untamed Frontier : African

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10.43 For Schools. 10.43 A Place to Live: Spring in the Woods, part two, 11.05 Insight: Police. 11.22 Picture Box: The Little Diver. 11.39 Making a Living: Finding Somewhere to Live.
12.00 Choriton and the Wheelies: The adventures of Choriton the dragon, Fenella the Witch and co. (r).

12.10 pm Rainbow: Windy. 12.30 One Step Ahead: The First Step. Which subjects should 14-

Step. Which subjects should 14year-olds choose at school? (r).
1.00 News with Peter Sissons.
1.20 Thames News,
1.30 About Britain: Wynford
Vsughan-Thomas rravels the
drovers' roads of Walcs.
2.60 Against the Wind: Third episode of the rule of an Irish girl
transported to Australia in the
elghreemth century.
2.30 House of Secrets: Michael
Craig stars in this film as the
lookalike of a counterfeiter who is
persuaded by the police to impersonate the crook.

BBC 2

Close down at 7.55.

THAMES

5.55 Nationwide. 6.55 Ask the Family: Robert 6.55 Ask the Family: Robert Rubinson referees a battle of wits between the Cresswell family from Hertfordshire and the McGees from Clwyd.
7.20 The Dukes of Hazzard: The Rustlers. The Duke family falls foul of Boss Hogg and Sheriff Coltrane again, this time over the matter of 2 horse, race—not at all

matical Experience; 6.30 Tensile

3.10 The Waltons : The Captive.

years ago. 5.35 Captain Pugwash: Animated

to Work: Starting work for the first time. Closedown at 3.00. 3.15 Songs of Praise from Port-spewart, Northern Ireland (repeat Epsour. 8.10 Panorama: On the Brink. 8.10 Panorana: On the Brink. Report on the Iran crisis plus interview with former President Nixon about how he would have handled it (see Personal Choice). 9.25 The Midnight Man: First British television showing of a 1974 thriller starring Burt Lancaster as a fallen cop who takes a job as a security man and becomes involved in robbery and the murder of a girl student. Lancaster was also codirector. of Sunday's programme!
3.55 Play School: The presenters
this week are Carol Leader and
Don Spencer. Today's story is Mr
Tall and Mr Small, by Barbara-4.20 Cheggers Plays Pop : Keith Chegwin introduces more music and fun, with guests Matchbox and The Undertone...4.49 Godzilia: Cartoon. 11,20 Beliamy's Europe: David Bel-5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.05 Blue Peter: The Rochdale Pioneers. The story of the men who started the first Co-op 130

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lamy, the plant man, takes a botanist's holiday on the Con-tinent. His first of 10 programmes takes him to northern France. 11. :50 News headlines, weather.

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9.00 Not the Nine O'Clock News.

ematical Experience; 6.30 Tensile Testing, 5.55 Shooker; Frame of the Day, 7.20 News with subtitles for the hard of hearing. 7.30 Cantilena; The last of three recitals by the chamber orchestra from Glasgow features works by Handel, Vivaldi and Gossec. 8.00 Bird Spot; Tony Soper turus his attention to the kestrel, a bird of prey common because of the way it has taken man's creations and turned them to its own advantage: 9.25 Reclifax : Thirty-minute com-10.05 Snooker : They're still bat. tling to pocket a packet. 10.45 Newsnight: The raws pro-gramme they said would be dif-ferent from the other news pro-grammes. I'm still waiting. 11.20 Snooker : Cueing for the title (this can't go on). 11.45 Russian Language and People: Part 16 (four more to go). A visit to Leningrad and a further instalment of Goodbye, Summer.

Competition Act. Also a feature on beer and a look at the political battle over rates.

6.00 Thames News with Andrew Gardner. 6.35 Crossroads : Dirty work at the motel.

7.00 LinguiongaMax: A note of nostalgia with Max Byggaves, Lorraine Chase, Bob Dixon and the Tony Mansell Singers. The year is 1947.

7:30 Coronation Street: Bet Lynch has a new home and Gail Tilsley wishes she had one.
8.09 Young at Heart: John Mills and Megs Jenkins as a geriatric George and Mildred. 8.30 World in Action: The Pound in Their Pocket. How retired people and the low-paid are surviving with inflation hitting 20 per

9.00 Fox: If It's Good Enough for New Orleans It's Good Enough for Clapham. No comment. 19.00 News. 10.30 The Dion Brothers; Stacy Keach as one of a pair of mining brothers who exchange a life of grime for one of crime. 12.15 am Close: Bernard Repton

Radio 4

6.00 am News Bricking. 6.10 Farming Week. 6.30 Today. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.30, 8.30 Headlines.

8.35 The Week on 4. 8.45 Patrick Moore

2.00-3.00 pm Schools: Exploration Earth; That'd Be Telling; Speak; Movement and Drama II.
5.50 Regional news, weather.
11.00 Study on 4: World Powers in the 20th Century (24).
11.30-12.10 am Open University: Decision Making; Non-Essential Notes.

RADIO

Sound Archives. 9.00 News. 9.05 Start the Week. Radio 3 6.55 am (mw only) Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Records : Hummel, Dohnanyl, 10.05 Money Box. 10.30 Daily Service... 10.45 The Children of Dynmouth (ronci).

8.00 News. 8.05 Records: Marais, Fauré, Pou-lenc, Couperin, Ravel.† 9.00 News. 9.05 Week's Composer: Mozart.† 10.00 The Gibbons Family: con-11.00 News. 11.05 The Countryside in Spring. 11.50 Poetry Please !† 12.00 News. cert.†
11.90 Halle/Loughran, pt 1: Men-delssohn (Vln Conc—Mintz).†
11.30 Interval reading.
11.35 Halle, pt 2: Mahler (Sym 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One. 1.40 The Archers.

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1.00 pm News.
1.05 LMP/Vasary (live from St John's): Mozart (Pno Conc 12).
Becthoven (PC 1).†
2.15 Quarter (Delmé): Headington 2.00 News. 2.62 Woman's Hour. 3.00 News. 3.02 Listen With Mother. 3.15 Play: A Resistance to Pres-(no 2).†
2.45 Matinee Musicale.†
3.45 New Records: Respighl,
Rachmaninov, Strauss.†
4.55 News.
5.00 (mw and mono only from
6.20) Music for early evening.†
7.00 Talk: Islam and Politics sure.†
4.45 Story : Olympics in Paradise,
5.00 PM,
5.55 Weather. 6.00 News. 6.30 The 27-Year Itch (2).† 7.00 News.

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7.20 Science Now.
7.45 Play: A Very Nuclear Family,
by Jennifer Phillips.
7.45 Through My Window: Johnny 7.00 Talk: Islam and Politics Today. 7.30 Belgian Radio Orch/Vcto, pt 1: Liszt, Reger, Zemlinsky.† 8.40 Talk: Where Law and Order 9.65 Through My Window: John Morris.
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9.30 Kaleidoscope.
10.00 The World Tonight.
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11.30 Today in Parliament. Start. 9.00 BRO, pr 2 : Reger (op 100).† 9.40 Reading : No Place for a y.40 Reading: No Place for a Lady, by Berty Caplan. 10.00 Plano (Milne): Haydn, Schu-mann, Halevy.† 10.45 Record: Dutilleux (Sym 1).† 11.25 Jazz in Britain.† 11.55-12.00 News.

VHF 6.00-7.00 am Open University : The HF 50 am Regional news, weather. Balkan Question; Post-Impressionism in England; From Baro-7.50 Regional news, weather. 10.05-10.30 Schools: Notice Board que to Classical. 6.20-7.00 pm Open University: Buddhism in Thailand; Music and Words. 1 : Time to Move. 10.45-10.50 Schools : In Germany ;

Radio 2 Radio 2
5.00 am News. weather. 5.03 Ray Moore. 7.32 Terry Wogan. † 10.03 Jimmy Young. † 12.03 pm David Hamilton. † 2.03 Ed Stewart. † 4.03 Much More Music. † 5.05 Waggoners' Walk. 5.20 Much More Music. † 5.55 Party Political Broadcast (Labour). 6.03 John Dunn. † 8.02 Soccer Special. 9.02 Humphrey Lyttleton. † 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.02 Movie Quiz. 10.30 Star Sound. 11.02 Peter Clayton. 2.02 am-5.00 You and the Night and the Music. †

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